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A shopper checks out with her lumber at a Home Depot in Boston. On Tuesday, Sept. 2, 2014, the home improvement retailer said that it's looking into "unusual activity" and that it's working with both banks and law enforcement after suspicions of a credit card data breach.

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Home Depot Probes Possible Data Breach

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AP Retail Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — Home Depot may be the latest retailer to suffer a major credit card data breach. The Atlanta-based home improvement retailer told The Associated Press Tuesday that it is working with both banks and law enforcement to investigate

"unusual activity" that would point to a hack. "Protecting our customers' information is something we take extremely seriously, and we are aggressively gathering facts at this point while working to protect customers," said Paula Drake, a spokeswoman at Home Depot, declining to elaborate. She said the re-

tailer would notify customers immediately if it confirms a breach. Shares of Home Depot Inc. fell \$1.88, or 2 percent, to close at \$91.15. Hackers have broken security walls for many retailers in recent months, including Target, grocery store chain Supervalu, P.F. Chang's and the thrift store opera-

tions of Goodwill. The rash of breaches has rattled shoppers' confidence in the security of their personal data and pushed retailers, banks and card companies to increase security by speeding the adoption of microchips into U.S. credit and debit cards. Supports say chip cards are safer, because unlike

magnetic strip cards that transfer a credit card number when they are swiped at a point-of-sale terminal, chip cards use a one-time code that moves between the chip and the retailer's register. The result is a transfer of data that is useless to anyone except the parties involved.

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Video purports to show Sotloff murder

ZEINA KARAM
Associated Press

BEIRUT (AP) — Islamic State extremists released a video Tuesday purportedly showing the beheading of a second American journalist, Steven Sotloff, and warning President Barack Obama that as long as U.S. airstrikes against the militant group continue, "our knife will continue to strike the necks of your people." The footage — depicting what the U.S. called a sickening act of brutality — was posted two weeks after the release of

an arid Syrian landscape, Sotloff was threatened in that video with death unless the U.S. stopped airstrikes on the Islamic State. In the video distributed Tuesday and titled "A Second Message to America," Sotloff appears in a similar jumpsuit before he is apparently beheaded by a fighter with the Islamic State, the extremist group that has conquered wide swaths of territory across Syria and Iraq and declared itself a caliphate. In the video, the organization threatens to kill another

family." Psaki said it is believed that "a few" Americans are still being held by the Islamic State. Psaki would not give any specifics, but one is a 26-year-old woman kidnapped while doing humanitarian aid work in Syria, according to a family representative who asked that the hostage not be identified out of fear for her safety. The fighter who apparently beheads Sotloff in the video calls it retribution for Obama's continued airstrikes against the group.



White House press secretary Josh Earnest pauses while speaking about the militant group al-Shabab in Somalia, during his daily news briefing at the White House in Washington, Tuesday, Sept. 2, 2014. Earnest also spoke about reports that a video on the internet that purports to show beheading of US reporter Steven Sotloff by Islamic State group. (AP Photo/Jacquelyn Martin)

video showing the killing of James Foley and just days after Sotloff's mother pleaded for his life.

Barak Barfi, a spokesman for the family, said that the Sotloffs had seen the video but that authorities have not established its authenticity.

"The family knows of this horrific tragedy and is grieving privately. There will be no public comment from the family during this difficult time," Barfi said.

Sotloff, a 31-year-old Miami-area native who freelanced for Time and Foreign Policy magazines, vanished in Syria in August 2013 and was not seen again until he appeared in a video released last month that showed Foley's beheading. Dressed in an orange jumpsuit against

er hostage, this one identified as a British citizen, David Cawthorne Haines. It was not immediately clear who Haines was.

Britain and France called the killing "barbaric." British Prime Minister David Cameron said in a statement that he would chair an emergency response meeting with his Cabinet early Wednesday to review the latest developments.

In Washington, State Department spokeswoman Jen Psaki said U.S. intelligence analysts will work as quickly as possible to determine if the video is authentic.

"If the video is genuine, we are sickened by this brutal act, taking the life of another innocent American citizen," Psaki said. "Our hearts go out to the Sotloff

"I'm back, Obama, and I'm back because of your arrogant foreign policy toward the Islamic State ... despite our serious warnings," the fighter says. "So just as your missiles continue to strike our people, our knife will continue to strike the necks of your people." The killer specifically mentions the recent U.S. airstrikes around the Mosul dam and the beleaguered Iraqi town of Amirli, making it unlikely that Sotloff was killed at the same time as Foley, as some analysts had speculated.

Over the weekend, Iraqi government forces with help from U.S. airstrikes broke the Islamic State's two-month siege of Amirli, a town where some 15,000 Shiite Turkmen had been stranded. □

AROUND THE WORLD

Calais might close port to stop migrants

PARIS (AP) — The mayor of Calais is considering closing the French city's lucrative port if Britain doesn't make a "strong gesture" to control a growing tide of migrants trying to sneak across the English Channel. Natacha Bouchart's threat Tuesday comes amid mounting tensions in Calais and a Europe-wide debate over how to cope with rising immigration. Calais is the stepping stone for migrants from poor countries in the Mideast, Asia and Africa who are trying to reach Britain, which they see as an Eldorado. Many believe that Britain will provide them easier access to residency and prosperity than other European countries. Bouchart told reporters in Paris that the migrants are draining the coffers of Calais and making life difficult for residents. □

Mexico raids drug cartel training camps

MEXICO CITY (AP) — Mexican police and military personnel raided a training camp that was apparently used by a drug cartel for recruits in the Gulf coast state of Veracruz. The Veracruz state government said this week that three drug gang suspects were killed in the weekend raid and 33 suspected gang members were arrested. Bullet-proof vests and training equipment were found at the scene. The government said several police officers from the nearby town of Acultzingo are suspected of having protected the gang, and have not reported for duty. The government did not identify the cartel, but local media reported the camp was used by the hyper-violent Zetas cartel, which was founded by army deserters and favors military-style gear and tactics. □

Scottish opinion poll knocks the pound

LONDON (AP) — The British pound slipped sharply after an opinion poll showed that those advocating Scottish independence from the United Kingdom have gained ground, a little more than two weeks before the vote. A YouGov poll released Tuesday showed support for Scottish independence running at 47 percent. As a result, the 'no' camp — those supporting the continuation of the union with England, Wales and Northern Ireland — only has a 6 percent lead in the poll. That represents a significant narrowing in the 'no' lead. Less than a month ago, the equivalent poll lead was over 20 points.

The economic impact of a vote in favor of independence remains difficult to quantify as many aspects remain unclear, such as whether Scotland would be able to use the pound as its currency. □

Turks & Caicos police detain 82 Haitians

PROVIDENCIALES, Turks & Caicos Islands (AP) — Authorities in the Turks & Caicos Islands intercepted a boat this week with 82 Haitian migrants as it passed through the British Caribbean chain's waters. The government said marine police seized the overloaded sloop Monday and brought it safely to port. The boat was taking on water when it was intercepted, they said. The 60 men and 22 women were handed over to immigration officials at a detention center. The Haitians are expected to be returned to their impoverished homeland later this week. On Monday, the Turks & Caicos minister in charge of border control called on the Haitian government to do a better job dissuading or stopping migrants from attempting the often-perilous sea voyages. □

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Detroit: Historic bankruptcy trial gets underway

COREY WILLIAMS
Associated Press

DETROIT (AP) — Opening statements in Detroit's historic bankruptcy trial began Tuesday afternoon in federal court, where lawyers for the city will attempt to convince a judge that its plans to wipe out billions of dollars in debt should be approved.

Attorney Bruce Bennett, who is representing the city, went first during opening statements in U.S. District Court, saying though progress has been made, "the city is still in distress." He also said the plan gives creditors all of value that the city can provide.

"All the revenue sources creditors can reach and are permitted to reach are exhausted," Bennett told Judge Steven Rhodes.

The trial in U.S. District Court comes a little more than 13 months after Detroit became the largest U.S. city to file for bankruptcy. Detroit expects to cut \$12 billion in unsecured debt to about \$5 billion, according to Bill Nowling, a spokesman for state-appointed emergency manager Kevyn Orr, who has been in charge of the city's finances since March 2013.

Most creditors, including more than 30,000 retirees and city employees, have endorsed the plan of adjustment put together by Orr, who guided Chrysler through its bankruptcy, and his restructuring team.

Home Depot probes possible data

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Chip cards are also nearly impossible to copy, experts say.

The possible data breach at Home Depot was first reported by Brian Krebs of Krebs on Security, a web-

Krebs reported that it's not clear how many stores were affected but preliminary analysis indicates the breach may have affected all 2,200 Home Depot stores in the U.S. Several banks that were contacted said they believe the

week period," said the Krebs post.

Krebs said that the party responsible for the breach may be the same group of Russian and Ukrainian hackers suspected in the Target breach late last year. Krebs also broke the

erating its \$100 million plan to roll out chip-based credit card technology in all of its nearly 1,800 stores.

New payment terminals will appear in stores by this month, six months ahead of schedule. In April, the retailer announced it teamed up with MasterCard to issue branded Target payment cards equipped with chip technology by early in 2015.

Wal-Mart Stores Inc., the world's largest retailer, is also sending customers who have a store credit card a chip-enabled MasterCard, while its Sam's Club division introduced a chip-enabled MasterCard in June. The company has chip-enabled check-out terminals in 4,600 stores, and terminals in the remaining U.S. stores will be activated before the end of the year.

In a separate statement Tuesday, Goodwill said its customers' credit and debit card numbers had been stolen at more than 300 stores in 19 states and Washington, D.C. from February 2013 through Aug. 14.

Goodwill blamed the security lapse on an unidentified contractor's payment processing system. Reports about fraud linked to shoppers' cards have been "very limited," Goodwill said.

The company had said in July that it was investigating the breach. □



A shopper visits a Home Depot store in Nashville, Tenn. On Tuesday, Sept. 2, 2014, the home improvement retailer said that it's looking into "unusual activity" and that it's working with both banks and law enforcement after suspicions of a credit card data breach.

(AP Photo/Mark Humphrey)

site that focuses on cybersecurity. Krebs said multiple banks reported "evidence that Home Depot stores may be the source of a massive new batch of stolen credit and debit cards" that went on sale on the black market earlier Tuesday.

breach may have started in late April or early May.

"If that is accurate — and if even a majority of Home Depot stores were compromised — this breach could be many times larger than Target, which had 40 million credit and debit cards stolen over a three-

news of Target's breach. Target Corp., based in Minneapolis, is still trying to get beyond its massive breach that occurred late last year and hurt sales, profits and its reputation with customers. It has been overhauling its security department and systems and is accel-

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Christie to Mexico on trade mission, 2016 politics



New Jersey Gov. Chris Christie addresses a gathering during a town hall meeting in Long Branch, N.J. Christie is heading to Mexico officially for a trade mission typical of any governor. But Christie is a potential GOP presidential candidate with little foreign policy expertise, a lot of swagger and much to learn about international diplomacy. (AP Photo/Mel Evans)

JILL COLVIN
Associated Press

NEWARK, New Jersey (AP)
— New Jersey Gov. Chris

Christie is heading to Mexico on Wednesday, officially on a trade mission for his state. But the Republican

also is a potential 2016 presidential candidate, with a plenty of swagger but little foreign policy experience.

Christie is just one of the Republicans trying to beef up his foreign policy credentials for a possible general election showdown against Democrat Hillary Rodham Clinton, a former secretary of state. America's role in international affairs is likely to be a key issue in the 2016 contest regardless of the candidates. After consecutive elections focused largely on the American economy, foreign affairs has returned to the forefront with the rise of the Islamic State militant group in Syria and Iraq and the Russian-backed rebellion in Ukraine.

Sen. Rand Paul, an eye doctor, recently returned from Guatemala, where he performed eye surgeries with news cameras in tow. Former Sen. Rick Santorum just returned from Israel; former Arkansas Gov. Mike Huckabee is there now. Two days after Christie returns from Mexico, Texas Gov. Rick Perry is expected to head to China and Japan.

So with New Jersey exporting \$2 billion worth of goods to Mexico, accounting for tens of thousands, Christie becomes the latest potential presidential contender to cross the border on official business and in pursuit of international expertise and credibility.

"If you're a national leader of the party and you go abroad and you meet other foreign leaders, you learn," Christie, who also is chairman of the Republican Governors Association, told reporters. "And that'll make you a better leader whether you run for anything else or whether you just continue to try to be an influential governor in our country regarding the national debates that come up."

They are all following paths out of the U.S. well-worn by presidential contenders with little foreign policy experience.

The trips, campaign veterans say, give potential candidates the chance to look presidential as they stand side-by-side with world leaders. On his first day in Mexico, Christie meets with President Enrique Pena Nieto.

For Christie, the trip also offers him a chance to rebuild his image after a damaging political scandal. Christie's aides were implicated in the closure of access lanes to the bridge that links New Jersey to Manhattan, apparent retribution against a mayor who refused to endorse the governor's re-election bid. Christie was not personally implicated. The Mexico trip also lets Christie burnish his appeal to increasingly influential Latino voters. But more broadly, international experience could be critical in the 2016 presidential cycle, as the U.S. confronts conflicts in Israel, Syria, Ukraine and Russia. Clinton, who was secretary of state for four years, would have a substantial head start on foreign policy experience over any Republican now considering a presidential bid.

Christie, who like many governors has limited experience with foreign leaders, has a particular challenge when it comes to the delicate art of dealing with U.S. partners. He rose to national prominence as a brash straight-talker happy to publicly shout down New Jersey residents he disagreed with. On the international stage, he'll have to show he has the patience and self-control to deal with complicated, high-stakes conflicts. □

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32 teens escape from US detention center

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Associated Press

NASHVILLE, Tennessee (AP) — Thirty-two teens escaped from a youth detention center in Nashville by crawling under a weak spot in a fence late Monday, and nine of them were still on the run Tuesday, a spokesman said.

The teens — ages 14 to 19 — left their rooms and went into a common area, where they overwhelmed 16 to 18 staff members, Tennessee Department of Children's Services spokesman Rob Johnson said.

The group then kicked out a metal panel under a window to get out of the building and into a yard, Johnson said. The teens were running in the yard for a few minutes, and then they realized they could lift part of the chain-link fence and crawl out, Johnson said.

He said the fence is buried 8 inches (20 centimeters) deep into the ground, but the teens managed to pull up a weak portion and get out underneath. Once staff members saw some of the



One of 32 escaped teenagers, third from right, is turned in by family members, according to a Tennessee Department of Children's Services spokesman, in front of the Woodland Hills Youth Development Center Tuesday, Sept. 2, 2014, in Nashville, Tenn. The teenagers, ages 14 to 19, escaped from the facility Monday night. (AP Photo/Mark Humphrey)

group escaping, they called the police, Johnson said.

Two teens were captured immediately and others were found overnight, Johnson said. Some were found by authorities, others turned themselves in, and others were turned in by their parents, he said. No staff members at the Woodland Hills Youth Development Center

were hurt in the incident, officials said. On Tuesday morning, local police and

the Tennessee Highway Patrol were still searching for nine of the teens. □

AP Newsbreak: 9-year-old girl said Uzi was too much for her

JACQUES BILLEAUD
Associated Press

PHOENIX (AP) — A 9-year-old girl who accidentally killed an instructor with an Uzi at a shooting range said immediately after the shooting that she felt the gun was too much for her and had hurt her shoulder, according to police reports released Tuesday.

Her family members were focused on the girl because they thought she was injured by the gun's recoil and didn't immediately realize instructor Charles Vacca had been shot until one of his colleagues ran over to him. The shooting set off a powerful debate over youngsters and guns. Kids going on hunts with their elders is a rite of passage in rural America, but many people wondered what sort of parents would let a child handle a submachine gun.

The family, whose home-

town hasn't been revealed by investigators, had taken a shuttle on Aug. 25 from Las Vegas south to the Last Stop range in White Hills, Arizona. Kevin G. Walsh, a Newark, New Jersey, attorney representing the family, said in a statement Tuesday that the girl's relatives prayed that Vacca would survive his injuries and now pray for his family. They also asked for the public's prayers for them. "They are devastated by this accident that turned what was supposed to be a unique and brief excursion from their summer vacation into a life-changing tragedy. They are dealing with this privately as a family. They wish to thank the emergency first responders who tried heroically to save the life of Mr. Vacca, a military veteran who they were told served honorably overseas to defend America," Walsh said in the statement. □

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Dominion, Duke propose \$5B natural gas pipeline

JONATHAN FAHEY
AP Energy Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — Dominion Resources, Duke Energy and other partners are proposing a \$5 billion natu-

West Virginia.

Gas is being relied upon to generate more of the nation's electricity in recent years because enormous new domestic supplies

coal.

The 550-mile project, called the Atlantic Coast Pipeline, would begin in Harrison County, West Virginia and stretch through Virginia

produced in two geologic formations, known as the Marcellus and Utica shales, that are now accounting for more than a quarter of the nation's natural gas. In the past, the Southeast has received nearly all of its gas from more traditional gas-producing states of Louisiana, Texas and Oklahoma.

Utilities prefer having diverse sources of fuel to reduce shortages and price spikes that can arise in terms of high demand, such as hot summers or cold winters. Also, demand for natural gas for electric power generation, heating and manufacturing is expected to continue to rise. Clean air and clean water regulations — some already approved and some in the process of being finalized — are expected to make burning coal more difficult and expensive in the future. In response, utilities are preparing for increased use of natural gas. "We've retired half of our coal fleet for the last 5 years, and certainly that will continue," said Duke

Energy CEO Lynn Good in an interview Tuesday. "We see natural gas as an important part of the electricity generation mix for many decades to come."

Burning natural gas emits almost none of the toxic chemicals and particulate matter that burning coal produces, and about half of carbon dioxide, which scientists say is responsible for climate change.

Natural gas does have its own environmental drawbacks, however. When the gas leaks or is otherwise released directly into the atmosphere it heats the planet much faster than carbon dioxide. And the drilling technique that has led to increased U.S. supplies, called fracking, has raised concerns about water use, water contamination and other issues.

The pipeline is already sparking some protest along parts of its proposed route from landowners who worry that the pipeline could reduce property values, threaten water supplies and keep tourists away.

"It's a dark day for the Shenandoah Valley and our part of the country," said Nancy Sorrells, co-chair of the anti-pipeline group Augusta County Alliance of Tuesday's announcement.

The pipeline is estimated to cost between \$4.5 billion and \$5 billion to build. Dominion Resources Inc. would own 45 percent of the project, Duke Energy Corp. would own 40 percent, Piedmont Natural Gas Co. would own 10 percent and AGL Resources Inc. would own 5 percent.□



A natural gas pipeline along Interstate 70 in Garfield County, near Rifle, Colo. Dominion Resources, Duke Energy and other partners are proposing a \$5 billion natural gas pipeline to connect the Southeast with the prodigious supplies of natural gas being produced in Pennsylvania, Ohio and West Virginia. (Kevin Moloney/The New York Times)

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have drastically lowered its price and because natural gas burns cleaner than the nation's other most important fuel for electric power,

and North Carolina to Robeson County, near the South Carolina border. It's designed to tap the rapidly growing supplies of gas

Halliburton reaches \$1B Gulf oil spill settlement

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AP Energy Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — Halliburton agreed to pay \$1.1 billion to settle what it calls "a substantial portion" of plaintiff claims arising from the 2010 BP oil spill in the Gulf of Mexico.

The settlement, if approved by a federal court, would allow businesses and property owners who were hurt by the oil spill to collect punitive damages from Halliburton through a fund

to be administered by a court-appointed representative. These plaintiffs will receive or have already received compensation for their economic loss through a separate settlement with BP. Halliburton and the plaintiffs had been waiting on the court to decide to what extent Halliburton was responsible for the blowout of the Macondo well and the subsequent explosion of the Deepwater Horizon drill-

ing rig. Halliburton was BP PLC's cement contractor on the project. The accident killed 11 workers and led to the biggest oil spill in U.S. history. "It's a very reasoned compromise to a set of complex legal question at a time of uncertainty," said Joe Rice of the law firm Motley Rice, which has been working for the plaintiffs. The deal is contingent upon a minimum number of plaintiffs signing on. If a federal judge decides

that gross negligence on the part of Halliburton was a major factor in the accident, plaintiffs could decide instead to hold out for a larger award. Halliburton would likely then challenge that ruling, leading to further delays in payments of punitive damages.

If the judge decides instead that Halliburton's actions were not a major factor, the plaintiffs would have locked in at least some punitive damages.□



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US Financial Front:

American manufacturing grows at fastest pace in 3½ years

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AP Economics Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — U.S. manufacturing grew in August at the strongest pace in more than three years as factories cranked out more goods and new orders rose. The Institute for Supply Management's manufacturing index rose to 59 from 57.1 in July, the ISM said Tuesday. That was the highest reading since March 2011. Any measure above 50 signals that manufacturing is growing. Tuesday's ISM report coincides with other signs that manufacturing is helping drive the U.S. economy's improvement. Factories are benefiting from strong demand for aircraft, furniture, and steel and other metals. The boost from manufacturing has helped offset slower homebuilding, a slowdown in consumer purchases and weaker spending on utilities and

other services.

"The U.S. economy is on a notably firmer growth track this summer, even if consumers are riding in the caboose," Sal Guatieri, an economist at BMO Capital Markets, wrote in a research note.

The ISM's gauge of production rose to the highest level in four years, and a measure of new orders reached its highest point in 10 years. That suggests that the sector should grow further in coming months. Factories also added jobs last month, though at a slightly slower pace than in July.

U.S. manufacturers face some challenges overseas. A measure of export orders rose, but comments from several respondents to ISM's survey said turmoil in Ukraine and slower growth in China were weighing on business.

A European manufacturing index fell to 50.7 in August,



A worker assembles construction supplies at Northeast Building Products in Philadelphia. The Institute for Supply Management, a trade group of purchasing managers, issued its index of manufacturing activity for August on Tuesday, Sept. 2, 2014.

(AP Photo/Matt Rourke)

a 13-month low, according to a report Monday. And two surveys in China showed that manufacturing growth also slowed in August.

Bradley Holcomb, chair of the ISM's manufacturing survey committee, said a

big jump in orders for aircraft reported by Boeing in July could be feeding through to its suppliers and boosting the ISM's index of new orders.

Still, the strength in new orders is "broad-based at this time," Holcomb said on a

conference call with reporters.

The Federal Reserve has reported that factory output rose 1 percent in July, the sixth straight monthly gain. Production of autos, furniture, textiles and metals all rose. □

US home prices rose at slower pace during July

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AP Economics Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — U.S. home prices rose in July but at a slower rate compared with earlier this year. The moderating price increases could help support sales. Real estate data provider CoreLogic said Tuesday that prices rose 7.4 percent in July from July 2013. That was slightly below June's year-over-year increase of 7.5 percent and far below a recent peak of 11.9 percent in February. Prices rose 1.2 percent in July from June. But CoreLogic's monthly figures aren't adjusted for seasonality, such as increased buying that occurs in warm

weather.

The smaller price gains should make homes more affordable. The average 30-year fixed mortgage rate was 4.1 percent last week, the lowest in a year. And the number of available homes rose 3.5 percent in July to the most in nearly two years. A greater supply tends to limit the bidding wars that inflate prices.

Greater affordability has helped housing recover over the spring and summer after sales and construction fell earlier this year. Sales of existing homes rose for a fourth straight month in July to their strongest pace in nine months. □

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AP Airlines Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — American airline passengers, squeezed into tighter and tighter spaces, appear to be rebelling, taking their frustrations out on other fliers.

Three U.S. flights have made unscheduled landings in the past eight days after passengers got into fights over the ability to recline their seats. Disputes over a tiny bit of personal space might seem petty, but for passengers whose knees are already banging into tray tables, every bit

close down European airspace. Yet, the issue of disruptive passengers has captured the world's attention.

It's getting to the point where the pre-flight safety videos need an additional warning: Be nice to your neighbor.

The International Air Transport Association calls unruly passengers "an escalating problem," saying there was one incident for every 1,300 flights in the past three years. The trade group would not share detailed historical data to back up the assertion that this is a

to 160. Delta installed new, smaller toilets in its 737-900s, enabling it to squeeze in an extra four seats. And to make room for a first-class cabin with lie-flat beds on its transcontinental flights, JetBlue cut one inch of legroom for coach passengers.

Airlines say passengers won't notice because the seats are being redesigned to create a sense of more space. Southwest's seats have thinner seat-back magazine pockets, Alaska Airlines shrank the size of tray tables, and United moved the magazine

\$21.95 gadget called the Knee Defender. It attaches to a passenger's tray table and prevents the person in front from reclining. A flight attendant told the man to remove the device. He refused, and the passenger one row forward dumped a cup of water on him.

Three days later, on an American flight from Miami to Paris, two passengers got into a fight, again over a reclining seat, and the plane was diverted to Boston.

Then on Sunday night, on a Delta flight from New York to West Palm Beach, Flor-

Some wonder if auto makers are returning to bad habits

TOM KRISHER

AP Auto Writer

DETROIT (AP) — Big discounts. Six- or seven-year loans, in some cases to buyers who would have been turned down in the past.

As the auto industry strives to sustain its post-recession comeback, car companies are resorting to tactics that some experts warn will lead to trouble down the road.

Vehicle discounts have risen 5.5 percent from a year ago. More than a quarter of new buyers are choosing to lease, a historically high percentage. Auto company lending arms are making more loans to people with low credit scores. The industry is adding factory capacity. And the average price of a car keeps rising, forcing some customers to borrow for longer terms to keep payments down.

Annual auto sales in the U.S. should top 16 million for the first time in seven years. But the pent-up consumer demand that has driven sales is ebbing. Sales are predicted to grow 5.5 percent this year, the slowest pace since the financial crisis. The big discounts and other steps eventually should help push sales above 17 million, most experts say. But Honda Motor Co. U.S. sales chief John Mendel last week scolded competitors for using "short-term" tactics such as subprime loans, 72-month terms and increased sales to rental car companies to pad their sales.

"We have no desire to go there," said Mendel, whose company's sales through July have fallen 1.3 percent, trailing the industry. Some on Wall Street see a price to pay. "It could be a disaster later on," says Morgan Stanley analyst Adam Jonas. "We're clearly robbing Peter to pay Paul." He sees sales growing to an annual rate of 18 million in 2017 — then sinking to 14 million a year later. □



Rows of slimline seats await installation aboard a Southwest Airlines 737 at the carrier's headquarters in Dallas. "Seats are getting closer together," says Sara Nelson, president of the Association of Flight Attendants, which represents 60,000 flight attendants at 19 airlines. (AP Photo/John Mone)

counts. "Seats are getting closer together," says Sara Nelson, president of the Association of Flight Attendants, which represents 60,000 flight attendants at 19 airlines. "We have to de-escalate conflict all the time."

There are fights over overhead bin space, legroom and where to put winter coats.

"We haven't hit the end of it," Nelson says. "The conditions continue to march in a direction that will lead to more and more conflict."

Airlines today are juggling terror warnings in Britain, an Ebola outbreak in Africa and an Icelandic volcano erupting and threatening to

growing problem.

Today's flying experience is far from glamorous. Passengers wait in long lines for security screening, push and shove at the gate to be first on board, and then fight for the limited overhead bin space. They are already agitated by the time they arrive at their row and see how cramped it is. To boost their profits, airlines have been adding more rows of seats to planes in the past few years.

Southwest and United both took away one inch from each row on certain jets to make room for six more seats. American is increasing the number of seats on its Boeing 737-800s from 150

pocket, getting it away from passengers' knees.

But passengers aren't just losing legroom; they're losing elbow room.

U.S. airlines sold 84 percent of their seats on domestic flights so far this year, up from 81 percent five years ago and 74 percent a decade ago, according to the Bureau of Transportation Statistics. That means there are fewer and fewer empty middle seats on which passengers can spread out.

The latest spate of passenger problems started Aug. 24, when a man on a United flight prevented the woman in front of him from reclining thanks to a

ida, a woman resting her head on a tray table got upset when the passenger in front of her reclined his seat, hitting her in the head. That plane was diverted to Jacksonville, Florida.

The passengers on both the United and Delta flights were already sitting in premium coach sections that have 4 inches of extra legroom. There were 14,903 flight diversions by U.S. airlines in the 12-month period ending in June, according to an Associated Press analysis of Department of Transportation reports. That means 41 flights a day, on average, make unscheduled landings at other airports. □

Ukrainian troops routed as Russia talks tough

PETER LEONARD

Associated Press

NOVOKATERYNIVKA, Ukraine (AP) —

The ferocity of the attack on the fleeing Ukrainian troops was clear, days after the ambush by Russian-backed separatist forces.

More than 30 military vehicles lay in charred piles Tuesday. Villagers said dozens were killed, and some remained unburied. One soldier was blown out of his armored vehicle — apparently by a shell — his body left dangling from power lines high above.

The rout early Sunday near the village of Novokaterynivka marked a major intensification in the rebel offensive, one that the Ukrainian government, NATO and the United States say has been sustained by Russia's direct military support. Moscow has stepped up its harsh rhetoric as well. A leaked report said European Commission President Jose Manuel Barroso said President Vladimir Putin told him that Russia could take over Kiev "in two weeks" if it wished.

Following a month of setbacks in which government troops regained territory, the separatists have

been successful in the last 10 days just as columns of Russian tanks and armored vehicles have been seen crossing the border. President Barack Obama and other NATO leaders will be attending a summit Thursday in Wales to create a rapid-response military team to counter the Russian threat.

Yuri Ushakov, Putin's foreign policy adviser, said the Russian leader's statement on Kiev was "taken out of context and carried a completely different meaning." Yet the results of much deadlier weapons of war could not be denied.

The smashed tanks, APCs and trucks were part of a massive column fleeing after being encircled in the town of Ilovaisk, which the Ukrainian government was compelled to concede after weeks of battles. Judging by how close together the stricken vehicles were, the incoming fire was precise and intense.

"They were going to surrender, and they began to bomb them," said Novokaterynivka resident Anatoly Tyrn, who had the turret of a tank land beside his home.

Ukrainian army person-



A woman walks near a destroyed tank in Ilovaysk, Ukraine, Sept. 2, 2014. Following a month of setbacks in which government troops regained territory, Russian separatists have been successful in the last 10 days just as columns of Russian tanks and armored vehicles have been seen crossing the border.

(Mauricio Lima/The New York Times)

nel have been allowed to travel to Novokaterynivka, about 36 kilometers (23 miles) southeast of Donetsk, and surrounding rebel-held areas to retrieve their soldiers' bodies.

Villagers and the separatists say the number of Ukrainian military dead was huge, although the government has maintained a tight lid on the precise figure.

Tyryn said he believed more

than 100 had died. Various rebel fighters separately gave estimates, all ranging into the dozens. Associated Press reporters saw at least 11 bodies in the last two days, although it was clear that was only a portion of the overall toll. Most of the dead were removed Monday, the rebels said, although one was buried so shallowly that the decaying remains were still visible.

"Only a few homes in the village have been left untouched," he said.

As Tyryn spoke, the silence was broken by a controlled explosion of abandoned Ukrainian army equipment a couple of miles away.

"That's far away," he said, without flinching.

It's uncertain about whether the Ukrainian troops had been offered a safe exit corridor by the rebels.

US airstrike in Somalia targets al-Shabab leader

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NAIROBI, Kenya - Somali and U.S. officials said Tuesday that the leader of al-Shabab, the Somali militant group that has allied itself with al-Qaida and terrorized civilians in the region for years, may have been killed in a U.S. airstrike.

According to the officials, the strike took place on a small village near Barawe, a well-known al-Shabab den. They said that the al-Shabab leader, Ahmed Abdi Godane, may have been in a vehicle hit during the attack, but they were awaiting further details before they could confirm whether he had been killed.

Rear Adm. John Kirby, the Pentagon press secretary, said U.S. manned and unmanned warplanes con-

ducted the strikes on Saturday evening, dropping a number of Hellfire missiles and precision bombs on an encampment. A vehicle at the encampment was also struck, he said.

Defense officials said they believed that both the encampment and the vehicle were destroyed, but they were still trying to determine if Godane was killed.

"We certainly believe that we hit what we were aiming at," Kirby said during a news briefing. He said that the United States would "continue to use all the tools at our disposal" to "dismantle al-Shabab and other terrorist groups."

One U.S. official in Nairobi said that "we're 80 percent sure" Godane was killed in the strike. Still, militants in places like Yemen and Pak-

istan have been thought to be killed in drone strikes just like this one, only to resurface weeks or months lat-

er, crowing about having survived U.S. attempts to kill them.

"There were no boots on

the ground," added the U.S. official, who also spoke on the condition of anonymity.



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Euro continues descent ahead of ECB meeting

PAN PYLAS

Associated Press

LONDON (AP) — The euro fell to a one-year low against the dollar on Tuesday as it continued to lose support from speculation that the European Central Bank could start pumping money into the ailing eurozone economy to spur growth.

The bank, which oversees monetary policy for the 18 countries that use the euro, is under pressure to do more at its meeting on Thursday to get the economic recovery across the 18-country eurozone back on track and inflation back toward its target.

The prospect that it could start a program that would create more euros has been weighing on the currency for weeks. Figures

from the U.S. Commodity Futures Trading Commission have shown trades selling the euro are at a near-record, meaning there is a risk of the currency snapping back higher if the ECB fails to back up its recent talk of stimulus with action.

On Tuesday, the euro fell to \$1.3110, its lowest level since the \$1.3103 it struck on Sept. 6, 2013.

Though the existential crisis surrounding the eurozone has diminished since ECB President Mario Draghi pledged in 2012 to do "whatever it takes" to save the euro, the eurozone economic recovery has been muted.

In fact, in the second quarter of this year, the recovery ground to a halt as the eurozone recorded

zero growth largely as a result of problems in large economies such as Germany, Italy and France. Though the crisis in Ukraine

the region's underlying economic momentum is fading. The eurozone now faces the prospect of an unprecedented triple-dip

before, way short of the ECB's target of just below 2 percent. The worry is inflation may become deflation — a bout of fall-



Head of the European Central Bank, ECB, Mario Draghi attends a news conference in Frankfurt, Germany. European Central Bank President Mario Draghi says there's room for governments to dial back austerity, within limits. (AP Photo/Boris Roessler)

has been blamed for much of the slowdown — particularly in Germany, Europe's largest economy — by hurting investor confidence, it's clear that

recession. Further weighing on the outlook has been a sharp fall in inflation. In August, prices were only 0.3 percent higher than the year

ing prices that can choke growth as consumers delay spending in the hope of bargains down the line and businesses fail to innovate. □

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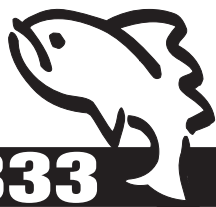


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Hong Kong:

Newspaper drops pro-democracy column

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HONG KONG - A Hong Kong hedge fund manager who has rallied support from bankers and brokers for the city's pro-democracy movement said Tuesday that a leading business newspaper had dropped his long-running column. He revealed the newspaper's decision two days after the Chinese government roundly rejected the movement's demands.

The hedge fund manager, Edward C.K. Chin, and his supporters said The Hong Kong Economic Journal's decision was the latest blow to Hong Kong's beleaguered media freedoms, a criticism that the newspaper rejected.

The dispute was another symptom of raw tempers in Hong Kong, where politics, business and the news media have increasingly felt the gravitational pull of Beijing.

Chin has been one of the financial sector's prominent supporters of Occupy Central With Love and Peace. That group said Sunday that it would stage peaceful protests in Central, the financial heart of Hong Kong, after China proposed electoral changes for the city that would doom activists' demands for democracy. Chin has also used his regular column in The Economic Journal, a Chinese-language broadsheet read by bankers and investors, to push

for full-fledged democracy and to criticize the Chinese government's handling of Hong Kong.

Chin said he was informed by email over the weekend that the paper would stop using his column, which he has written weekly for more than eight years, as part of a redesign of the business section in which it appeared.

He rejected that explanation and said that pressure from the Chinese authorities, possibly indirect, appeared to lie behind his dismissal.

"It's a political decision," he said Tuesday in an interview. "It's highly political to ax my column right now," he added. "They know my pro-democracy stance." □



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New report accuses Islamic State group of war crimes

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Associated Press

BAGHDAD (AP) — An international rights group accused the extremist Islamic State group on Tuesday of systematic "ethnic cleansing" in northern Iraq targeting indigenous religious minorities, as well as conducting mass killings of men and abducting women.

In a new report, Amnesty International said militants abducted "hundreds, if not thousands" of women and girls of the Yazidi faith. The extremists also killed "hundreds" of Yazidi men and boys, Amnesty said. In at least one incident, the report said militants rounded up on trucks, took them to the edge of their village and shot them.

The 26-page report adds to a growing body of evidence outlining the scope and extent of the Islamic State group's atrocities since it began its sweep from Syria across neighboring Iraq in June. The militants since have seized much of northern and western Iraq, and have stretched to the outskirts of the Iraqi capital, Baghdad.

On Monday, the United Nations' top human rights body approved a request by Iraq to open an investigation into suspected crimes committed by the Islamic State group against civilians. Its aim would be to provide the Human Rights Council with evidence on atrocities committed in Iraq, which could be used as part of any international war crimes prosecution.

In its report, Amnesty detailed how the advance of Islamic State group fighters expelled an estimated 830,000 people — mostly Shiites and those belonging to tiny religious minorities that barely exist outside of Iraq. They include Aramaic-speaking Christians, Yazidis, a faith that traces to ancient Mesopotamia, the Shabak, an offshoot of Islam, and Mandaeans, a gnostic faith.

Most fled as extremists neared their communities, fearing they'd be killed or forcibly converted to the group's hard-line version of Islam.

Thousands of Christians now live in schools and churches in northern Iraq. Yazidis crowd into a displaced persons camp and half-finished buildings. Shiites have mostly drifted to southern Iraq.

The sudden displacement of the minority groups appears to be the final blow to the continuity of those tiny communities in Iraq. Their numbers had been shrinking since the U.S.-led invasion of Iraq in 2003, which triggered extremist violence against them.

"Minorities in Iraq have been targeted at different points in the past, but the Islamic State (group) has managed, in the space of a few weeks, to completely wipe off of the map of Iraq, the religious and ethnic minorities from the area under their control," said Donatella Rovera of Amnesty International.



Palestinians hold rockets and guns during a celebration organized by Hamas in the West Bank city of Nablus.

(AP Photo/Nasser Ishtayeh)

After Gaza war;

Poll finds rising support for Hamas

DANIEL ESTRIN
Associated Press

JERUSALEM (AP) — The popularity of the Hamas militant group among Palestinians in the West Bank and the Gaza Strip has spiked significantly following the 50-day war with Israel, according to an opinion poll released Tuesday.

The poll, conducted by the Palestinian Center for Policy and Survey Research and headed by leading Palestinian pollster Khalil Shikaki, indicates that 61 percent of Palestinians would choose the Islamic militant group's leader, Ismail Haniyeh, for president if Palestinian presidential elections were held today. Only 32 percent would vote for current President Mahmoud Abbas, Hamas' rival, the survey suggested. The support for Haniyeh marks a stark increase from a poll in June, conducted by the same pollster, which found only 41 percent of Palestinians backed the Hamas figure. At the time, Abbas had 53 percent support.

The poll also suggests a ma-

jority of Palestinians — 72 percent — support adopting Hamas' armed approach in the West Bank.

The research center said it is the first time in eight years that a majority of Palestinians has voiced such support for the Hamas leader. But, it said, Hamas' popularity might fall in coming months, as it did following previous Israel-Hamas conflicts.

Polling started on the last day of the war, on Aug. 26, and continued during the first four days of the ceasefire, the research center said.

The poll said 79 percent of respondents believe Hamas won the war, and 86 percent support the renewal of rocket fire on Israel if a blockade on Gaza is not lifted, one of Hamas' main demands.

But 25 percent said armed groups in the Gaza Strip should give up their weapons after the blockade ends and elections are held.

The latest poll, and the poll in June, both surveyed

1,270 Palestinians and had a margin of error of 3 percent.

Also Tuesday, Israeli Finance Minister Yair Lapid criticized Israel's expropriation of West Bank land announced this week, calling for "a more reasoned approach" in Israeli diplomacy following Israel's military operation in Gaza.

The expropriation of about 1,000 acres of West Bank land could help clear the way for new Jewish settlement construction.

Lapid said such moves create "redundant arguments with the United States and the world" and criticized the timing of the announcement following the Gaza war. Israel's Justice Minister, Tzipi Livni, also criticized the move this week.

Other leading Israeli Cabinet ministers have criticized Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu's conduct in the recently concluded war, with many saying he did not go far enough to neutralize Hamas's fighting ability.



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Venezuela rails against portrayal in US spy drama

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Associated Press

CARACAS, Venezuela (AP) — Critics have mostly ignored the new TNT spy drama "Legends," but it's creating a furor in Venezuela.

stockpiling nerve gas to quash dissent. The telecommunications commission opened an investigation Tuesday into the series over an episode in which a character

of chemical weapons. On Monday, Minister of Information Delcy Rodriguez denounced the script as hostile and imperialist. Venezuela was wracked by anti-government street

cracking down on the unrest, though never of using chemical weapons. In the offending episode, titled "Lords of War," the star of the show tortures a terrorist "24"-style, demanding to know who is buying his chemical weapons. Eventually the terrorist splutters, "Maduro! PSUV! They're worried about the civil unrest in Venezuela." On Twitter, Rodriguez denounced the "lies and manipulations" presented in the brief scene, which she said was part of a "Hollywood-type script typical in its imperialist actions against legitimate governments." TNT didn't immediately respond to requests for comment. "Legends" debuted in August to tepid reviews, scoring a mediocre 58 percent rating on the review aggregation site Rotten Tomatoes. It stars Sean Bean, famously killed off in the first season of "Game of Thrones," as an undercover FBI operative. It's unclear what the government investigation will consist of.



Venezuela's President Nicolas Maduro speaks on his radio and television program called "In contact with Maduro" at Miraflores presidential palace in Caracas, Venezuela. Critics have mostly ignored the new TNT spy drama "Legends," but it's creating a furor in Venezuela.

(AP Photo/Alejandro Cegarra)

Officials in the South American country are denouncing the show for portraying the socialist government

fingers President Nicolas Maduro and his socialist party, which goes by the initials PSUV, as the buyer

protests this spring, and international observers accused the government of violating human rights in

Mexico plans \$9.2B airport project for capital

E. EDUARDO CASTILLO
Associated Press

MEXICO CITY (AP) — President Enrique Pena Nieto announced the construction of a new international airport for Mexico City on Tuesday, saying it will quadruple the capacity of the current one. Costing an estimated \$9.2 billion, the facility will have six runways and a capacity of 120 million passengers a year. Pena Nieto said it has been clear for decades that the capital's overtaxed airport needed to be replaced. "The current saturation restricts travel between the

different states of the country, limits Mexico's connectivity to the world, slows investment and commerce," he said. "We can no longer keep postponing the fundamental solution." More than a decade ago, protests led authorities to scrap a planned new airport on the outskirts of Mexico City. The new proposal is to build on federally owned land next to the existing facility. Pena Nieto said it will be Mexico's largest public infrastructure project in recent years, and called it "Mexico's gateway to the

world." He made the announcement during his second state-of-the-nation address, in which he defended reforms instituted since he took office in 2012. He predicted a brighter economic future, while acknowledging that recent performance has disappointed. Independent analysts have lowered their 2014 economic growth forecast from 2.56 percent to 2.47 percent. GDP expanded just 1.1 percent the previous year. "It's clear that we still have not arrived at the eco-

nomical growth rates that the country and its people need," Pena Nieto said. "The challenge of growth is not new for Mexico; achieving an accelerated, sustained and sustainable growth has been our principal economic challenge for decades." Pena Nieto's administration has been waging a campaign to promote his reforms amid declining public support for the government. A recent poll by Pew Research found that Pena Nieto's approval numbers fell six points from last year, to 51 percent.

Nicaragua calls off search for 4 missing miners

MANAGUA, Nicaragua

(AP) — Nicaragua's government said Tuesday it has called off a search for as many as seven missing miners because cave-ins made the effort too dangerous to continue, and hopes have faded that anyone could be found alive after five days. Nicaragua's first lady and government spokeswoman, Rosario Murillo, said continuing the effort would put more lives at risk. Murillo told the Chanel 4 television station that "experts had to admit that any rescue was impossible because of the danger." Originally, authorities had said four miners remained trapped, but workers at the wildcat mine said all along that more men had been in the mine when it partly collapsed on Thursday. Later Tuesday, Murillo said the government will provide aid to seven families who had gathered outside the mine in hopes their relatives would be rescued. At least 26 miners were originally trapped by the collapse at the El Comal gold and silver mine near Bonanza, about 260 miles (420 kilometers) northeast of Managua. Twenty-two were rescued alive. The exact number of missing had been unclear because the miners were freelancers, not formal employees. The mine is operated under a concession held by Hemco, which is owned by Colombia-based Minero SA. But the trapped miners themselves are freelancers allowed to work in the area if they sell any gold they find to the firm.



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Marriott Vacation Club Aruba Announces New Director of Marketing

PALM BEACH - Marriott Vacation Club Aruba's sales and marketing business proudly announces the recent promotion of Ligenne Trimon to Director of Marketing. In this role, Ms. Trimon will be responsible for the development and daily management of Marriott Vacation Club Aruba's 45 marketing executives in 5 locations on the island. "I am very proud of Ligenne and congratulate her with this well deserved promotion," said Bettina Gonzalez, Project Director of Marriott Vacation Club Aruba. "Over the years we have seen Ligenne grow into this new role. She sets the example for Arubans that start with Marriott Vacation Club and take advantage of the training and opportunities for growth provided to them to build a career, internationally or here in Aruba. Ligenne did both and we are so pleased to have her on our team."

After finishing MAVO and MEAO in the Netherlands Ms. Trimon joined Air Aruba. In her 12-year tenure there she experienced tremendous growth and developed from an Accounting Clerk to Manager Cabin Services. She started at Marriott's Aruba Ocean Club in 2000 as Marketing Supervisor. In 2006 she was promoted to Senior Marketing Manager at Marriott's Aruba Surf Club and transferred to Marriott's St. Kitts Beach Club. Ms. Trimon was part of the opening team in St. Kitts and played a significant role in the startup of the Sales & Marketing Department at this property, which was awarded "Resort of the Year" in their first year of operation. In 2007 she moved to the Marriott's Beach Place Towers, a Marriott Vacation Club resort in Fort Lauderdale, Florida and returned to Aruba in 2010. She served as Senior Marketing Mana-

ger for Marriott Vacation Club Aruba until her recent promotion to Director of Marketing.

"Ligenne's clear understanding of tactical marketing and her management skills will bring tremendous value to her Marriott Vacation Club-Aruba Marketing team," continued Gonzalez.

Between 2010 and 2013 she was named Manager of the Quarter seven times and became Manager of the Year in 2010 and 2012. She also received the Site Award of Excellence in 2012. "I am very thankful for the growth opportunities at Marriott Vacation Club that brought me to this position and

proud of the accolades I received," said Ms. Trimon. "I enjoy the challenges of big dreams and believe our marketing team has the talent and hard work ethic to reach 'Sapphire Status' in one year, the highest recognition for sales and marketing associates with Marriott Vacation Club Aruba". □



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In the Arawak Garden;

Allen and Natasha Seely love everything at Salt & Pepper Restaurant

PALM BEACH - Allen and Natasha Seely from Ft. Wayne, Indiana, are crazy about Salt & Pepper Restaurant in the Arawak Garden. The couple are on Aruba for their wedding - in the attached photo they look ecstatically happy. That happiness is contagious, it's clear: everything the newlyweds do is wonderful. On Aruba for the fifth time already, they heard good things about Salt & Pepper from Nick and Lenny, who works there. And that is

why Salt & Pepper has become their favorite restaurant. The feeling is mutual, by the way, as the staff, and especially Lenny, love Allen and Natasha as well. Asked what their favorite dish was, they replied: "We have tried all the tapas on the menu and we liked every single one of them." That's the spirit! Natasha and Allen are on a 16-day honeymoon, so you might come across this happy, gorgeous couple. Make sure their love rubs off on you! □





Spain's Alberto Contador, the new leader of Spain Vuelta Cycling, arrives on the podium as the overall leader after winning the 36.7 kilometers (22-mile) time trial, Real Monasterio Santa Maria de Vuelva-Borja, the 10th stage of the Spanish Vuelta cycling race, in Borja, Spain, Tuesday Sept. 2, 2014.

Associated Press

Contador takes Vuelta lead as Quintana falls

BORJA, Spain (AP) — Alberto Contador took control of the Spanish Vuelta after former leader Nairo Quintana crashed and lost valuable time during the 10th stage won by Tony Martin on Tuesday.

Quintana lost control during the time trial on a downhill curve, hitting a guard rail, and going head-over-heels onto the ground. After he was assisted by Movistar staff, the Colombian got back on his bike and finished the stage. But he went from leading Contador by three seconds at the start of the day to trailing the Spaniard by 3 minutes, 25 seconds.

Quintana's good health entering the Vuelta positioned him as the race favorite. Now his nasty spill has given that tag to a resurgent Contador.

"I was feeling great in the uphill, but at that point of the descent my bike simply did not brake enough," Quintana said.

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Nishikori beats Raonic in 5 sets at U.S. Open

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Kei Nishikori, of Japan, celebrates after breaking the serve of Milos Raonic, of Canada, during the fourth round of the 2014 U.S. Open tennis tournament Tuesday, Sept. 2, 2014, in New York.

Associated Press

Monfils beats Dimitrov, into quarterfinals of U.S. Open

JAMES MARTINEZ
Associated Press

NEW YORK (AP) — Gael Monfils, a flashy Frenchman known more for his shot-making than results, beat Grigor Dimitrov 7-5, 7-6 (6), 7-5 on Tuesday to reach the quarterfinals of the U.S. Open for the first time since 2010.

The 20th-seeded Monfils pounded his chest and extended his arms after the seventh-seeded Dimitrov double-faulted on match point.

Monfils made two major quarterfinals in a season for the first time in his career. He also advanced that far at the French Open.

Dimitrov broke through to his first Grand Slam semifinal at Wimbledon but couldn't follow that up

with another deep run.

In an entertaining match, both players made unbelievable gets, including Monfils' shot in the final game that he nearly curled around the net. Dimitrov got it back to win the point. But the match came down to break points: Monfils converted 3 of 4, Dimitrov just 1 of 7. Monfils moves on to play the winner of the night match between second-seeded Roger Federer and No. 17-seeded Roberto Bautista Agut of Spain.

Earlier, unseeded Peng Shuai of China beat 17-year-old Belinda Bencic 6-2, 6-1 to reach her first semifinal in 37 Grand Slam appearances.

Only five women have participated in more ma-

for tournaments before getting to a final four, and the relief brought the 28-year-old Peng to the brink of tears.

She said in her on-court interview that she at times thought about quitting the sport, but "my coach, my parents, they always tell me to try to keep going and never ever, give up."

The 39th-ranked Peng has not yet lost a set in the tournament. And she stayed consistent against Bencic, hitting 24 winners and committing only seven unforced errors. Her teenage opponent, meanwhile, appeared to become unglued in the muggy 91-degree heat.

The 58th-ranked Bencic was the youngest quarterfinalist at Flushing



Gael Monfils, of France, reacts after a shot against Grigor Dimitrov, of Bulgaria, during the fourth round of the 2014 U.S. Open tennis tournament, Tuesday, Sept. 2, 2014, in New York.

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Meadows since her mentor, Martina Hingis, won the title at 16 in 1997. Bencic is coached by Hingis' mother, Melanie Molitor, and was issued a code violation for receiving help from her box while down 2-0 in the second set.

"It's 6-2, 2-0 and you're giving me a code violation?" Bencic yelled at the umpire.

She went on to lose that game.

Tenth-seeded Caroline Wozniacki, who eliminated five-time major champion Maria Sharapova in the fourth round, takes on 13th-seeded Sara Errani in a night match for another semifinal spot.

In other men's matches with a spot in the final eight at stake, sixth-seeded Tomas Berdych meets Dominic Thiem, and No. 14-seeded Marin Cilic plays 26th-seeded Gilles

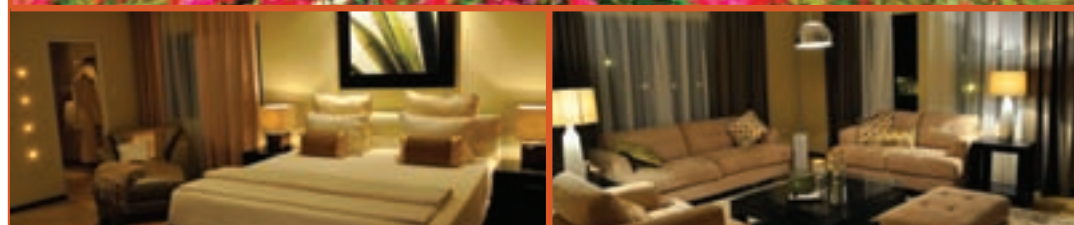
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No. 1 Serena Williams, who faces 11th-seeded Flavia Pennetta in another quarterfinal Wednesday, lost in the doubles quarterfinals with sister Venus. Serena had her right ankle re-taped during a medical timeout and later double-faulted on the last two points in a 7-6 (5), 6-4 loss to the fourth-seeded Russian duo of Ekaterina Makarova and Elena Vesnina.

And the run is over for U.S. Open darling CiCi Bellis. The 15-year-old Californian, who became an overnight sensation when she stunned 12th-seeded Dominika Cibulkova in the first round of the main draw before losing in the second, lost her second-round juniors match to 17-year-old Russian Natalia Vikhlyantseva 7-6 (9), 2-6, 6-1. □



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Unbeaten U.S. routs New Zealand 98-71 at worlds

BRIAN MAHONEY
AP Basketball Writer
BILBAO, Spain (AP) —

Anthony Davis scored 21 points, Kenneth Faried had 15 and the U.S. remained unbeaten at the Basketball World Cup by beating winless New Zealand 98-71 on Tuesday. James Harden added 13 points for the Americans, who will play two more games here before moving on to Barcelona for the round of 16. They face the Dominican Republic on Wednesday before wrapping up Group C play on Thursday against Ukraine. Two nights after having to rally from a halftime deficit and pull away in the fourth quarter for a 98-77 victory over Turkey, the U.S. led this one wire to wire. The game was close only for a little more than a quarter.

BJ Anthony scored 11 points for New Zealand, which fell to 0-3.

The Americans paused late in warmups to stand and face the Tall Blacks, who performed the haka, their traditional war dance challenge. Fans enjoyed it, then were largely quiet throughout the first half as the bigger U.S. team imposed its will, not needing the kind of highlight plays fans expect of the NBA stars.

But there was no shortage of energy from Faried, the Denver Nuggets forward who seems intent on raising his profile as a largely overlooked player in the league.

The Manimal came into the game shooting 14 of 17 in the tournament and then made all five shots in the first half while also



James Harden of the U.S. dunks against New Zealand during the Group C Basketball World Cup match, in Bilbao northern Spain, Tuesday, Sept. 2, 2014. Associated Press

grabbing six rebounds. He was just as active on defense, getting called for a third-quarter goaltend on a shot he blocked with such force that it landed behind the New Zealand bench.

Stephen Curry finished with 12 points for the U.S., getting his shot to fall after going just 4 of 17 through

the first two games. It was 27-20 after one and the Americans were ahead by nine in the second before a 12-0 run, featuring seven points from Irving, made it 50-29 on Faried's follow shot with 4:14 left. The Americans got into transition during that flurry, but were often content in the first half to

pound it inside, taking advantage of Davis and Faried's muscle in the middle.

Harden had a couple of baskets early in the third quarter — he and Davis both throwing down impressive dunks — and the Americans kept building the lead en route to their 57th straight victory. □

Vuelta

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"Fortunately, I could avoid having a bigger crash and I did not hurt myself really badly."

Quintana said he will likely have to settle for helping teammate Alejandro Valverde's cause.

Contador leads Valverde by 27 seconds in the overall classification.

Chris Froome had a disappointing day, as the former Tour de France winner slipped to 1:18 behind Contador. Joaquim Rodriguez, known as a climber who struggles with time trials, fared better than expected and was 1:37 off the pace.

After a broken right shin

forced him to withdraw from the Tour, Contador arrived at the Vuelta as a late entry and supposedly without thoughts of challenging for the win. But the five-time grand tour winner was able to attack his rivals in the mountainous ninth stage and now, after a rest day, he has gone in front with Quintana likely out of contention, and Froome seemingly not fully fit after he too pulled out of the Tour due to injuries to his hands caused by falls.

"Nobody could have imagined that I would be wearing the red jersey today," Contador said. "The first seven days were really hard, but I pushed myself to stay with the others and to be in a good po-

sition. (But) it's a shame that Quintana fell."

The Tinkoff-Saxo rider said his tender leg wasn't bothering him during the race, but that he sometimes still noticed it while sleeping.

Martin, riding for Omega Pharma-Quickstep, cruised through the 37-kilometer (23-mile) course starting inside the grounds of the monastery of Santa Maria de Veruela and finishing in the town of Borja in eastern Spain.

Rigoberto Uran was the second fastest at 15 seconds behind, followed by Fabian Cancellara at :18 and Contador at :39.

Martin said the win was good preparation for the world championships this month in Ponferrada,



Nairo Quintana from Colombia, at the time-trial arrival after his fall and his loss of time in the general classification. 36.7 kilometers (22-mile) time trial, Real Monasterio Santa Maria de Veruela-Borja, the 10th stage of the Spanish Vuelta cycling race, in Borja, Spain, Tuesday, Sept. 2, 2014.

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Spain, where the German will look to add to his three time trial world titles. Wednesday's stage is a 153-kilometer (95-mile) ride starting in Pamplona

and finishing in a category-one summit at Santuario de San Miguel de Aralar. The 21-stage race ends on Sept. 14 in Santiago de Compostela. □

AL Capsules

Dunn homers in 1st at-bat as A's top Mariners

OAKLAND, Calif. (AP) — Adam Dunn provided instant pop for the struggling Athletics, hitting a towering, two-run homer in his first at-bat for Oakland to highlight a 6-1 win over Seattle.

Acquired a day earlier in a trade with the Chicago White Sox, Dunn became the 12th player in Oakland history to homer in his first at-bat with the team.

Dunn homered off Chris Young (12-7) during a five-run first inning. His drive was a welcome sight for a team that just got swept in a four-game series by the AL West-leading Angels and was shut out for 29 straight innings.

Jason Hammel (2-5) allowed three hits in eight innings.

ROYALS 4, RANGERS 3

KANSAS CITY, Mo. (AP) — Salvador Perez homered and drove in three runs, and the Royals snapped a three-game losing streak.

Perez, who had three hits, went deep in the third with Alex Gordon aboard. His two-out double in the first



Oakland Athletics' Adam Dunn hits a two-run home run against the Seattle Mariners during the first inning of a baseball game on Monday, Sept. 1, 2014, in Oakland, Calif. Associated Press

scored Gordon, who had singled and swiped second.

Yordano Ventura (11-9) allowed three runs, two earned, and five hits in 6 1-3 innings for Kansas City.

The right-hander, who was

skipped on his previous turn in the rotation due to a sore back, struck out seven and walked four.

Greg Holland struck out two in a perfect ninth, earning his 41st save in 43 chances. Colby Lewis (9-12) pitched seven innings for Texas, yielding four runs and nine hits.

TWINS 6, ORIOLES 4

BALTIMORE (AP) — Joe Mauer drove in four runs, Phil Hughes held Baltimore without an earned run over eight innings and the Twins avoided a four-game sweep.

Nelson Cruz hit his major-league leading 36th home run and Nick Hundley had a three-run shot for the AL East-leading Orioles, who lost for only the second time in eight games.

Hughes (15-9) gave up five hits, no walks and three unearned runs. Glen Perkins gave up a leadoff homer to Cruz in the ninth before getting three straight outs for his 33rd save.

Kevin Gausman (7-8) took the loss.

TIGERS 12, INDIANS 1

CLEVELAND (AP) — David Price bounced back from an alarming start and Miguel Cabrera homered twice, hitting one of Detroit's three homers off Cleveland's Corey Kluber.

Price (13-10) gave up one run and eight hits in seven innings. The left-hander was coming off a troubling loss to New York in which he allowed nine consecutive hits in one inning and eight runs over two.

Cabrera hit a two-run homer in the first inning off Kluber (13-9) and Victor Martinez and J.D. Martinez connected for consecutive shots in the third. Cabrera homered again in the eighth off rookie Bryan Price. He went 4 for 5 with three runs and three RBIs.

RAYS 4, RED SOX 3, 10 INNINGS

ST. PETERBURG, Fla. (AP) — Matt Joyce hit an RBI single in the 10th inning to help Tampa Bay salvage a split of a four-game series with Boston.

Ryan Hanigan opened the 10th with a double off Burke Badenhop (0-3), which withstood a replay review. □

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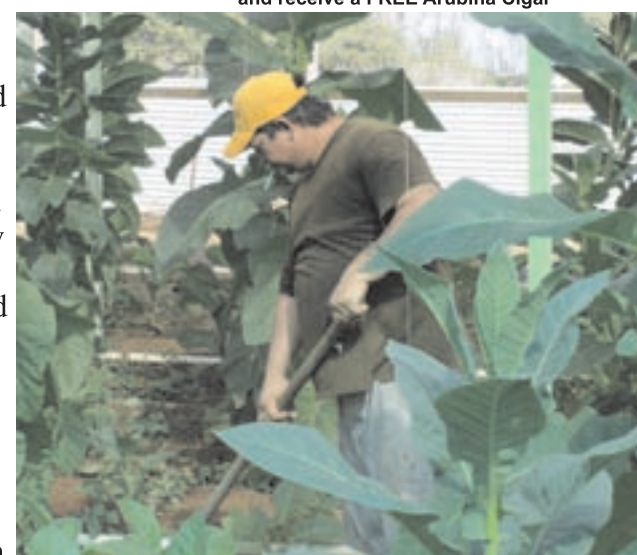


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NL Capsules

Hamels, 3 Phils relievers combine to no-hit Braves

ATLANTA (AP) — Cole Hamels and three Philadelphia Phillies relievers combined to pitch a no-hitter Monday, beating the Atlanta Braves 7-0 and giving a last-place team a rare reason to celebrate.

Hamels (8-6) was pulled after six innings and said he was fine with manager Ryne Sandberg's decision. The lefty struck out seven, walked five, hit a batter and threw 108 pitches on a hot afternoon at Turner Field. Relievers Jake Diekmann, Ken Giles and closer Jonathan Papelbon each pitched a perfect inning to finish off the fourth no-hitter in the majors this season. This was the 11th combined no-hitter in major league history.

Clayton Kershaw and Josh Beckett of the Dodgers and Tim Lincecum of the Giants threw no-hitters earlier this year.

Right fielder Marlon Byrd foiled the Braves' best bid for a hit, racing in and toward the line to make a diving catch on Chris Johnson's slicing liner to end the third.

Kevin Millwood and five Seattle relievers threw the previous combined no-

hitter in the majors, against the Dodgers in 2012. The first combined no-hitter came in 1917 when Babe Ruth walked the first Washington batter of the game and was ejected, and Boston Red Sox reliever Ernie Shore didn't allow another runner.

Julio Teheran (13-10) took the loss.

NATIONALS 6, DODGERS 4
LOS ANGELES (AP) — Denard Span hit two of Washington's four homers, Gio Gonzalez got his first victory of the second half and the Nationals beat the Dodgers in a matchup of division leaders.

The East-leading Nationals (78-58) own the NL's best record while the Dodgers (77-61) are atop the West and close behind in pursuit of the top seed, despite losing for the third time in four games.

Gonzalez (7-9) allowed three runs and three hits in six-plus innings. The left-hander was 0-5 with a 4.38 ERA in his previous nine games.

Rafael Soriano pitched a shaky ninth to earn his 31st save.

Roberto Hernandez (2-2) gave up five runs and five



Philadelphia Phillies starting pitcher Cole Hamels works in the first inning of a baseball game against the Atlanta Braves Monday, Sept. 1, 2014, in Atlanta. Hamels combined with relief pitchers Ken Giles, Jonathan Papelbon and Jake Diekmann for a no hitter. Associated Press

hits — including a career-high four homers — in 4 1-3 innings for the Dodgers.

ROCKIES 10, GIANTS 9

GIANTS 4, ROCKIES 2

DENVER (AP) — Charlie Blackmon lined a two-out single in the ninth inning off Sergio Romo, helping the Rockies stop the Giants' six-game win streak on a long day at Coors Field.

Earlier in the day, the Giants broke away from a tie and beat Colorado 4-2 in a game that resumed after it was suspended May 22 in the sixth inning because of rain. In the regularly scheduled game, Rockies reliever LaTroy Hawkins (3-2) blew a save in the top of the ninth. In the bottom half, Mike McKenry led off

with a single up the middle off Romo (5-4). McKenry scored from third when Blackmon's hit fell near the right-field line. Hunter Pence hit a three-run homer for the Giants. Pence also came up big hours earlier, when his tiebreaking double in the eighth led the Giants to the victory in the suspended game. □

NFL suspends Irsay 6 games, fines him \$500,000

RICK CALLAHAN
Associated Press

NOBLESVILLE, Indiana (AP)

— The NFL suspended Indianapolis Colts owner Jim Irsay for the first six games of the season and fined him \$500,000 for violating its personal conduct policy, coming down hard on Tuesday just hours after he pleaded guilty to a misdemeanor stemming from an embarrassing March traffic stop.

Commissioner Roger Goodell said Irsay was barred from team facilities, practices and games and cannot represent the Colts and NFL meetings or events. The fine was the maximum allowed under league rules.

"I have stated on numerous occasions that owners, management personnel and coaches must be held

to a higher standard than players," Goodell told Irsay in a letter released publicly by the NFL. "We discussed this during our meeting and you expressed your support for that view, volunteering that owners should be held to the highest standard."

The 55-year-old Irsay pleaded guilty to a misdemeanor count of driving while intoxicated and acknowledged during his appearance before a Hamilton County judge that he was under the influence of the painkillers oxycodone and hydrocodone when he was arrested on March 16 near his home in the Indianapolis suburb of Carmel.

Irsay did not comment outside the courtroom, but he apologized to Colts fans in a prepared statement.

"In retrospect, I now know that the incident opened my eyes to issues in my life that needed addressing and helped put me on the path to regain my health," he said. "I truly hope and pray that my episode will help in some small measure to diminish the stigma surrounding our country's terrible and deadly problem of addiction. It is a disease."

Irsay's case was closely watched around the NFL — not least among players — because there are few examples of the league punishing an owner like Irsay. Detroit Lions president Tom Lewand was suspended for 30 days and fined \$100,000 in 2010 for violating the NFL's personal conduct policy following his guilty plea to driving while impaired. A player with a



Indianapolis Colts owner Jim Irsay enters Hamilton County court in Noblesville, Ind., Tuesday, Sept. 2, 2014.

Associated Press

first-offense misdemeanor DUI would not be suspended and would be fined no more than \$50,000 under terms of the collective bargaining agreement with the NFL Players Association.

Police said an officer spot-

ted Irsay driving slowly, stopping in the roadway and failing to use a turn signal. Officers said he had trouble reciting the alphabet and failed field sobriety tests. Various prescription drugs were found in his vehicle, along with more than \$29,000 in cash.

Irsay acknowledged in 2002 that he became dependent on painkillers after years of orthopedic operations but said he had overcome the problem.

He will be on probation for a year and is prohibited from drinking or possessing alcohol during that time. He must submit to drug testing during his probation and successfully complete a substance abuse rehabilitation program. Less than 48 hours after his arrest, the Colts said Irsay entered a treatment facility. □

Headache relief

By: Dr. Carlos Viana

The French words for headache; mal de tête, has always seemed to make the affliction sound much less ominous. Thankfully most headaches are not serious even if very painful. However, head pain, in every country, is the most common human affliction and, even in this age of advances in medical technology there is still far more that we do not know about headaches than that which we do know.

In many eastern medical practices, especially Traditional Chinese Medicine (TCM) headaches have been treated with a higher success rate than they have in the West. Furthermore, TCM has a much different approach to understanding headaches, health, and the person as a whole.

Western, allopathic medicine classifies headaches by their specific symptoms and measurable biological effects. Individuals are usually classified as having a certain type of headache and treatment is based on this classification. There are eleven main types of headache classifications in western medicine. The first four are the most common and serious types of headaches and include head pain caused from vascular (brain arteries changing shape), muscle contraction (tightness), traction, and inflammation.

The other types of headaches include envi-

ronmental or behavioral headaches caused by factors such as caffeine withdrawal, eyestrain, poor posture, and hunger. Trauma headaches are headaches that result from an injury often times, which is minor. Sensitivity headaches are a reaction to an allergy, food, chemical or environmental substance. Finally, sinus headaches, dental headaches, and exertion headaches are self explanatory.

Pharmaceuticals, which have dangerous side effects, are by far the most widely used treatment for headaches in western medicine, but allopathic Doctors do recognize the role played with food in headaches. Western doctors recognize sugar, MSG (Monosodium Glutamate, a flavor enhancer used in many foods), and food allergies as primary prevention factors in treating headaches. However, this is not nearly considered to be as important a factor as it is in Traditional Chinese Medicine.

Unfortunately, much more common treatment of headaches is through the use of pharmaceuticals. These pharmaceuticals are man made chemicals constructed with the intention of correcting a chemical imbalance. Western Medicine usually sees these imbalances as coming from the liver, the endocrine system, and occasionally the nervous system. This treatment also includes the regulation of hormones, mostly in



women and is tied to the menstruation cycle. Many women find that they get headaches the day before menstrual flow begins or the day that flow actually begins an effect of estrogen withdrawal.

Traditional Chinese medicine sees a headache essentially as a disharmony within the person. Thus our treatment is to rebalance the disharmony, which in turn will help not only the headache but make the individual healthier as a whole. In our clinic we take on an approach that identifies the source of the head pain. We know that everything in existence is related. Slow moving colons produce purification chemicals with an extremely unpleasant smell that stimulates mucus production in the sinuses, chest, and produce headaches. Colon hydrotherapy or the washing of the large intestines is an easy detoxification procedure that eliminates headaches from this source.

Acupuncture is a useful, inexpensive and effective form of treatment for people who suffer from chronic or migraine headaches. Studies have shown acupuncture to work better than conventional treatments alone and re-

sult in fewer headaches and no negative side effects. Also, it has been shown repeatedly that acupuncture decreased the severity and frequency of headaches in those who experienced severe headaches. Acupuncture treatment involves the insertion of extremely fine needles into the skin at precise points in the body. It has been shown to help with migraine nausea and pain.

Many of the sources of headache pain we have seen in our clinic include dental problems and the toxic heavy metals that leak from dental amalgams. Headaches and migraines are an often reported complaint of people who have amalgam fillings in their teeth. Dentists knowledgeable in biocompatible dentistry are very effective in improving the condition.

Herbal tradition has used the herbs like dandelion to treat head pain. Dandelion combined with herbs that also detoxify and support the liver are an even better combination. Eating foods right for your metabolic type and including a de-stressing exercise and getting enough sleep are good lifestyle choices.

Get The Point! The longer the headache or migraine is left untreated the harder it is to stop. Most of the pharmaceutical medications used for headaches have dangerous side effects and can cause rebound, which is a serious worsening of your headache. You probably already know that when you develop a migraine

what may help is being calm; staying in a dark, quiet room; and sleeping. Rather than wait for your next headache or migraine, consider treatment and prevention with acupuncture, herbal treatments, and a personalized diet that have a five thousand year old track record. Call to make an appointment.

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Netflix unveils new way to share recommendations

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AP Technology Writer

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) —

Netflix is giving its Internet video subscribers a more discreet way to recommend movies and TV shows to their Facebook friends after realizing most people don't want to share their viewing habits with large audiences.

Until now, Netflix subscribers linking the service to their Facebook accounts automatically disclosed everything they were watching with a potentially wide-reaching range of people. The company believes the open-ended approach discouraged most Netflix subscribers from connecting their accounts with their Facebook profiles.

The automatic disclosures

will end Tuesday as Netflix Inc. embraces a new system that empowers subscribers to select which friends will receive their video recommendations. A menu of friends culled from Facebook will appear after Netflix subscribers finish watching a video if they have turned on the sharing feature.

The move reflects Facebook's evolution into a service where people have allowed passing acquaintances into their networks, along with close friends and family.

"There are a lot of people on Facebook that you don't really know that well," said Cameron Johnson, Netflix's director of product development.

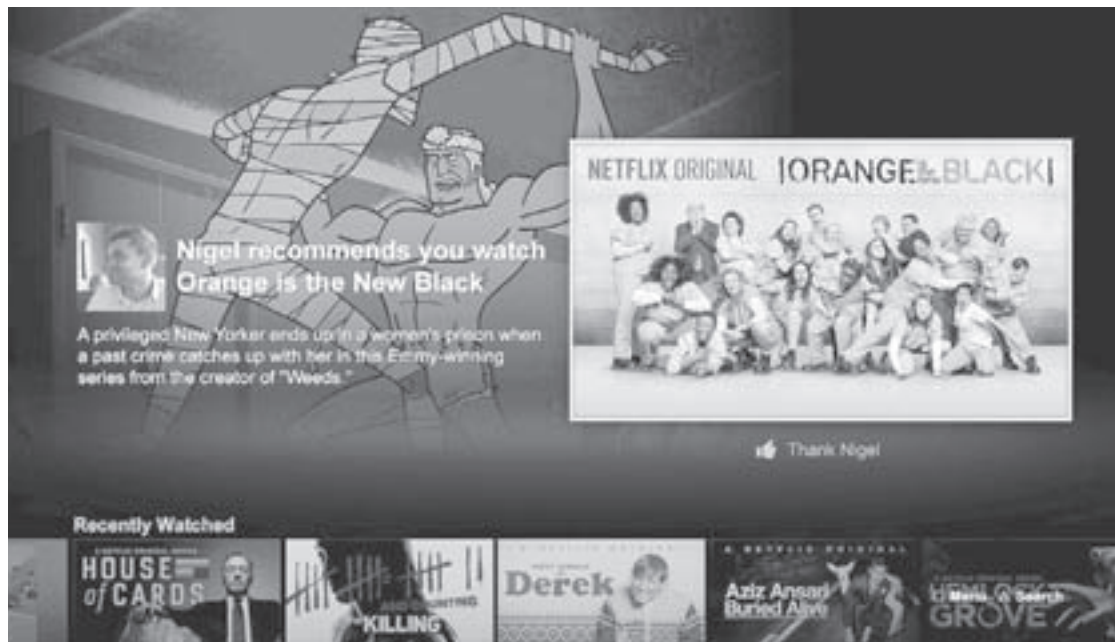
Netflix believes people will



This screen shot provided by Netflix shows what the viewer will see when subscribers recommend movies and TV shows to their Facebook friends.

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Court halts ridesharing service Uber in Germany



In this June 15, 2009 file photo taxi cabs are seen at Tegel Airport in Berlin.

Associated Press

BERLIN (AP) — A court has barred ridesharing service Uber from operating in Germany, the latest shot in the popular app's fight with taxi drivers worldwide. Frankfurt state court spokesman Arne Hasse said Tuesday the decision that Uber can't offer its services without a specific permit under German transport laws applies nationwide.

The injunction applies pending a full hearing of a suit brought against Uber

by Taxi Deutschland, a German cab association that also offers its own taxi-ordering app. The suit is being heard in Frankfurt because it is one of the several German cities in which Uber operates.

San Francisco-based Uber said in a statement it would use "all legal means" to fight the case.

"It's never a good idea to limit people's choices," Uber said. "We believe that innovation and competition is good for everyone

— it profits both drivers and passengers."

The ruling comes after Berlin authorities last month barred Uber from operating in the capital because of safety concerns.

Taxi Deutschland's arguments were in line with those of established cab companies that claim Uber's app-based services, which offer limousines and pickups by private drivers, dodge rules that ordinary taxi firms have to abide by.

share their viewing experiences if they are given more control over who sees what they've been watching. The Los Gatos, California, company, in turn, hopes the recommendations will deepen subscriber loyalty and attract new customers.

"If you are really moved by a piece of content and you know someone in your life that would like it, you are going to want them to watch it too, so you can talk about it and get excited about it together," Johnson said.

Netflix began offering the Facebook sharing option to subscribers outside the U.S. in 2011. U.S. subscribers got that option 18 months ago.

The Facebook recommendations are limited to subscribers of Netflix' video-streaming service, which costs \$8 or \$9 per month in the U.S. The streaming service has 50 million subscribers worldwide. There are no plans to extend the Facebook recommendations to the DVD-by-mail service, which is steadily shrinking. Netflix ended June with 6.3 million DVD subscribers, less than half the number it had three years ago.

The recommendations made under the new sharing system will appear in a few ways.

If both people are Netflix subscribers who have connected to Facebook, the recommendation will appear as a marquee attraction at the top of the recipient's Netflix page. The Facebook profile picture of the person touting the video also will appear alongside the recommendation. A subscriber's recommendation will be sent as a Facebook message if the recipient isn't a Netflix subscriber or hasn't connected a Netflix account to Facebook.

The recommendations will no longer appear on the customers' Facebook profile page or the news feeds that their friends see.

To make it possible for its U.S. subscribers to share what they're watching, Netflix had to persuade lawmakers last year to revise a 1988 law that banned the disclosure of video rental records without a customer's written consent.



US construction spending up 1.8 percent in July

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AP Economics Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — U.S. construction spending staged a strong rebound in July, rising by the largest amount in more than two years. All major categories of construction showed gains in an encouraging sign that spending on building projects will help boost the economy in the second half of this year.

Construction spending rose 1.8 percent in July, the biggest one-month gain since May 2012, the Commerce Department reported Tuesday.

It followed a 0.9 percent decline in June, the largest setback in a year. That decline had been blamed in part on soggy weather which depressed construction activity in many parts of the country.

The July rebound pushed total construction to a seasonally adjusted annual rate of \$981.3 billion, the highest level since December 2008. Spending on housing, non-residential and government projects all increased.

Construction spend is now 8.2 percent higher than it was a year ago as it continues to advance following a deep plunge during the Great Recession when builders sharply cut back because of a glut of unsold homes.

Housing construction was up 0.7 percent in July to an annual rate of \$358.1 billion after two months of declines.

Spending on single-family homes rose 0.5 percent and is 9.4 percent higher than a year ago while apartment construction rose 0.2 percent and is 41 percent higher than a year ago.

Spending on non-residential projects increased 2.1 percent to an annual rate of \$343.6 billion with the strength led by gains in hotel construction, electric power transmission and manufacturing.

Spending on government projects rose 3 percent, the largest gain since October.

Wall Street ends trading slightly lower

MATTHEW CRAFT

NEW YORK (AP) — Concerns over weaker global growth appeared to overshadow strong reports about the U.S. economy Tuesday, nudging the stock market to a tiny loss. Crude prices sank 3 per-

cent, to 17,067.56.

Market gauges that give greater weight to smaller companies fared better. The Nasdaq rose 17.92 points, or 0.4 percent, to 4,598.19.

Two reports out Tuesday of-

solid economic expansion, but the stock market isn't buzzing much at all," said Anastasia Amoroso, Global Market Strategist at J.P. Morgan Funds.

The explanation, she said, is that signs of solid growth raise the odds that the Fed-

will move to support the region's flagging economy. The U.S. employment report for August comes out Friday. Stronger hiring by U.S. businesses and rising corporate profits have helped push the S&P 500 index up 8 percent this year. Ablin said a stock market drop caused by the Fed hiking rates wouldn't exactly be a bad thing. Waiting too long could make the pain much worse. "I would rather take a spoonful of medicine today than a tourniquet later."

Major markets across Europe were mixed. Germany's DAX inched up 0.3 percent, and both the CAC-40 in France and Britain's FTSE 100 ended flat.

The euro continued its summer slide, hitting \$1.313 against the U.S. currency. Recent reports have shown the eurozone's economy slowing to a crawl, and that has weighed on the euro. The price of oil slumped, pulling down shares of oil and gas companies. Benchmark U.S. crude dropped \$3.08 to close at \$92.88 a barrel, its lowest price since January. Brent crude, a benchmark for international oils used by many U.S. refineries, fell \$2.45 to end at \$100.34. That was Brent's lowest closing price since May of 2013.

News that Norwegian Cruise Line agreed to buy Prestige Cruises International for \$3 billion sent Norwegian Cruise Line's stock up 11 percent. Analysts said the deal should help Norwegian compete with its larger rivals: Carnival Corp. and Royal Caribbean Cruises.



Traders Fred DeMarco, left, and Greg Mulligan confer on the floor of the New York Stock Exchange. Concerns over weaker global growth appeared to overshadow strong reports about the U.S. economy Tuesday, nudging the stock market to a tiny loss.

(AP Photo/Richard Drew)

cent, pulling down stocks of oil producers. Small-companies, which have fewer ties to the world economy, made gains. Meanwhile, the dollar reached a one-year high against the euro. "It's the picture of U.S. strength against the backdrop of global weakness," said Jack Ablin, chief investment officer at BMO Private Bank in Chicago. The S&P 500 index slipped 1.09 point, less than 0.1 percent, to 2,002.28. The Dow Jones industrial average

fered encouraging signs of U.S. economic growth. The Institute for Supply Management, a trade group, said its gauge of manufacturing reached 59 in August, the highest level since March 2011, buoyed by new orders for goods and increased production. Separately, the Commerce Department said that construction spending surged 1.8 percent in July, the biggest increase in more than 2 years.

"It's clear we have a very

eral Reserve will move to lift short-term interest rates. Rate increases typically slow stock markets down.

"We're moving closer and closer to higher rates," Amoroso said, "so strong economic momentum could actually put a damper on the market."

A handful of key events and economic reports out later in the week could make for volatile trading. The European Central Bank meets Thursday, amid expectations that the bank

1-800-FLOWERS buying Harry & David for \$142M

CARLE PLACE, N.Y. (AP) — 1-800-FLOWERS.COM Inc. is buying Harry & David for \$142.5 million to help broaden the assortment of foods that its customers can choose as gifts.

The deal includes Harry & David Holdings Inc.'s brands, websites, 47 retail stores, some plants, orchards and its headquar-

ters in Medford, Oregon. Harry & David's fruit, food and other gifts are housed under brands including Wolferman's, Cushman's and its namesake. Products include Harry & David Royal Riviera pears, Tower of Treats gifts, Fruit-of-the-Month Club products, Wolferman's specialty English muffins and other breakfast

products and Cushman's HoneyBells citrus gifts.

1-800-FLOWERS' brands already include Fannie May, Cheryl's and The Popcorn Factory.

Harry & David will become a subsidiary of 1-800-FLOWERS. Its current senior management staff will remain with the business.

The transaction is expect-

ed to close in October. It is anticipated to add to 1-800-FLOWERS earnings and revenue in the current fiscal year.

Shares of 1-800-FLOWERS, based in Carle Place, New York, jumped 88 cents, or 17.2 percent, to \$6.02 in midday trading Tuesday after hitting a 52-week high of \$6.07 earlier in the day.

Norwegian sails into luxury with Prestige purchase

NEW YORK (AP) — Norwegian Cruise Line is sailing into the luxury sector by buying the high-end Prestige Cruises International. The deal will give Norwegian access to Prestige's eight ships on the Oceania and Regent Seven Seas cruise lines and its big-ticket vacation packages.

Norwegian, which owns 13 ships, is known for its "Free-style Cruising" that lets travelers choose where they want to eat and at what time.

Buying Prestige will help Norwegian be more competitive with its larger rivals: Carnival Corp. owns luxury cruise lines Cunard and

Princess, while Royal Caribbean Cruises Ltd. owns Celebrity Cruises.

Norwegian, which is based in Miami, values the cash-and-stock deal at \$3.03 billion when debt is included. The company did not specify how much debt it would be taking on. Shareholders including private equity

firm Apollo Global Management LLC, Prestige's majority owner, could get another \$50 million in cash if certain performance targets are reached.

Apollo also owns about 20 percent of Norwegian, whose shares rose 11 percent Tuesday.

The two other big Norwegian shareholders, Genting Hong Kong Ltd. and TPG Capital, have already signed off on the deal. It's expected to close in the fourth quarter.

Shares of Norwegian Cruise Line Holdings Ltd. added \$3.67 to \$36.98 Tuesday afternoon.

Dollar General raises Family Dollar bid to \$9.1B

GOODLETTSVILLE, Tenn. (AP) — Dollar General upped its bid for the rival Family Dollar chain and addressed an earlier roadblock, saying that it will more than double the number of stores it would shed to ease the antitrust concerns of its takeover target. The newest bid is worth \$9.1 billion, or \$80 per share, up from \$78.50 per share in the previous offer.

Family Dollar, based in Matthews, North Carolina, rejected the earlier bid in favor of a lower offer of \$8.5 billion from Dollar Tree Inc., saying that regulators were less likely to stand in the way. Family Dollar said Tuesday that it has received Dollar General's latest bid and will review it. Dollar General, the country's largest dollar-store chain, says it would now divest as many as 1,500 stores, well above the 700 that it had originally agreed to, in order to sidestep any anti-monopoly actions that regulators might pursue.

The Goodlettsville, Tennessee, company has also said it will pay a \$500 million reverse break-up fee to Family Dollar Stores



This photo shows the Family Dollar store in Ridgeland, Miss. Dollar General upped its bid for the rival Family Dollar chain and addressed an earlier roadblock, saying that it will more than double the number of stores it would shed.

(AP Photo/Rogelio V. Solis)

Inc. if the deal hits antitrust roadblocks. Dollar General Chairman and CEO Rick Dreiling said that a second antitrust review supported its prior bid, but that its offer was revised "to demonstrate the seriousness of our commitment."

The businesses of Family Dollar and Dollar General are more similar than Dollar Tree's. The first two sell items at a variety of prices while at Dollar Tree, all items are a buck.

Family Dollar has been looking for a lifeline after

running into some financial stress, shuttering stores and cutting prices. In June one big shareholder, Carl Icahn, urged the company to put itself up for sale.

Family Dollar acted one month later, accepting an offer from Chesapeake,

Virginia-based Dollar Tree Inc. of \$59.60 in cash and the equivalent of \$14.90 in shares of Dollar Tree for each share held. The companies valued the transaction at \$74.50 per share at the time. Including debt and other costs,

McDonald's boosts oversight of Chinese suppliers

NEW YORK (AP) — McDonald's said it will monitor its suppliers in China more closely after a food-safety scandal in the country hurt the hamburger chain's sales and reputation.

The company plans to increase audits and video monitoring at its suppliers and send more employees to meat production facilities to ensure its food

is prepared safely. It also named a new food safety officer and created a hotline where employees can report poor food safety practices, McDonald's said in a statement Tuesday.

The changes come after a TV report in July showed workers at McDonald's supplier Shanghai Hushi Food Co. repacking expired meat. McDonald's

stopped using the Shanghai plant and many restaurants were unable to provide some products, including Big Macs and Chicken McNuggets.

McDonald's, based in Oak Brook, Illinois, reported a 7.3 percent drop in July sales at its restaurants in Asia, the Middle East and Africa.

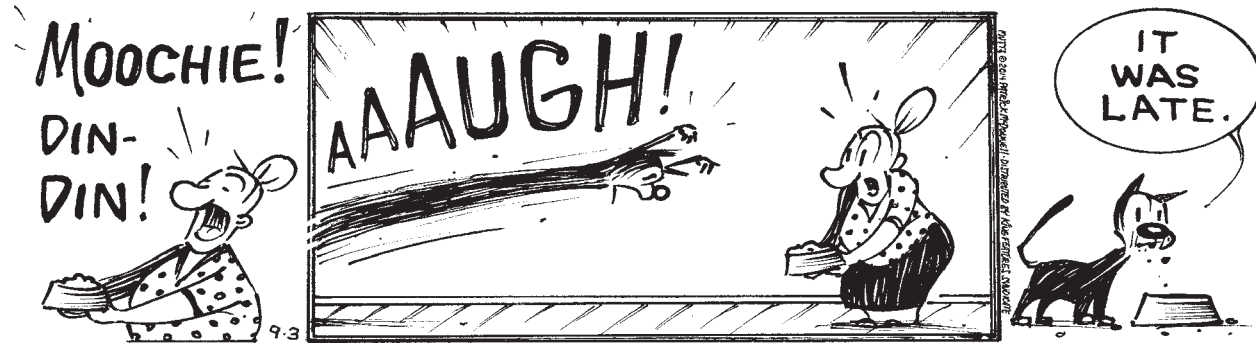
Other fast-food companies

have been hurt by food-safety concerns in China. Hushi, which is owned by Aurora, Illinois-based OSI Group, was also accused of selling expired meat to KFC in the TV report. KFC also stopped using meat from the plant. After the TV report, OSI conducted an investigation and said that the plant did not meet its standards and would create a quality control center in Shanghai.

OSI did not immediately respond for a request for comment Tuesday.

Shares of McDonald's Corp. fell \$1.01 to \$92.71 in late afternoon trading Tuesday. Its shares had been down about 3.4 percent so far this year through last Friday.

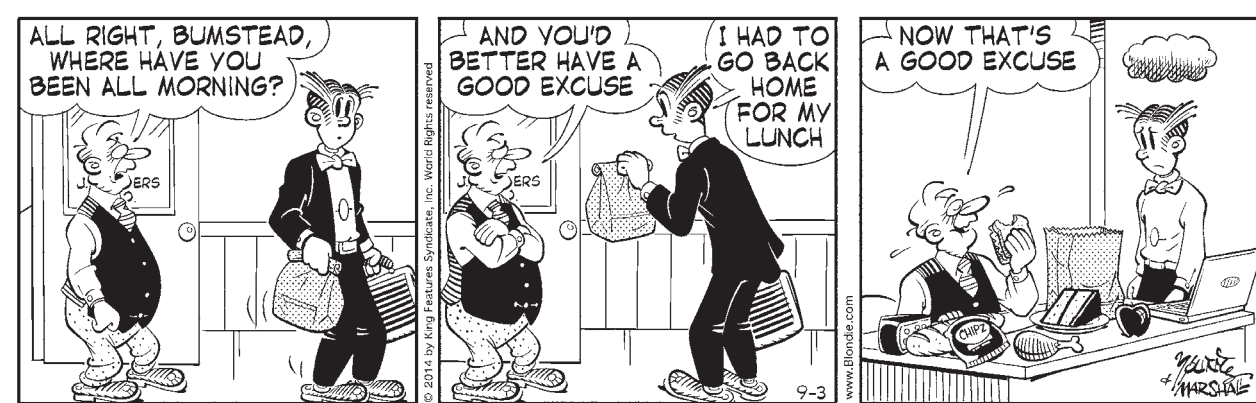
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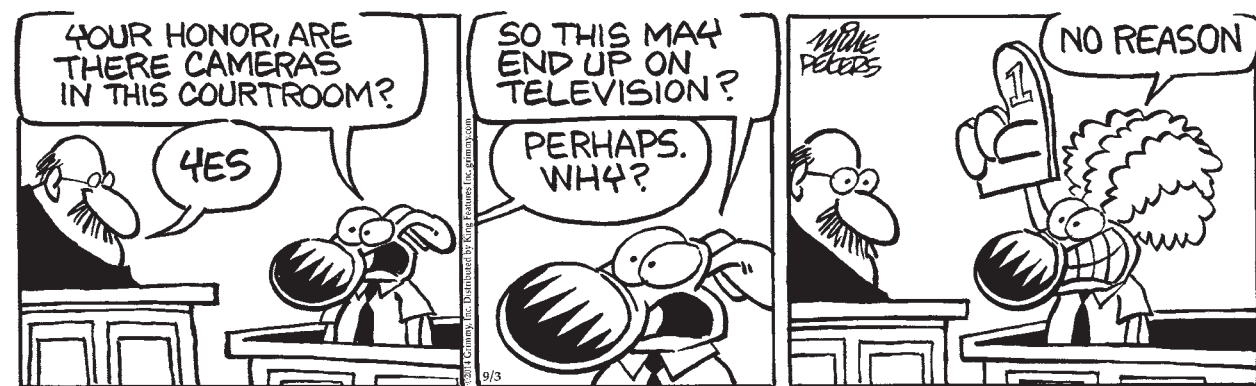
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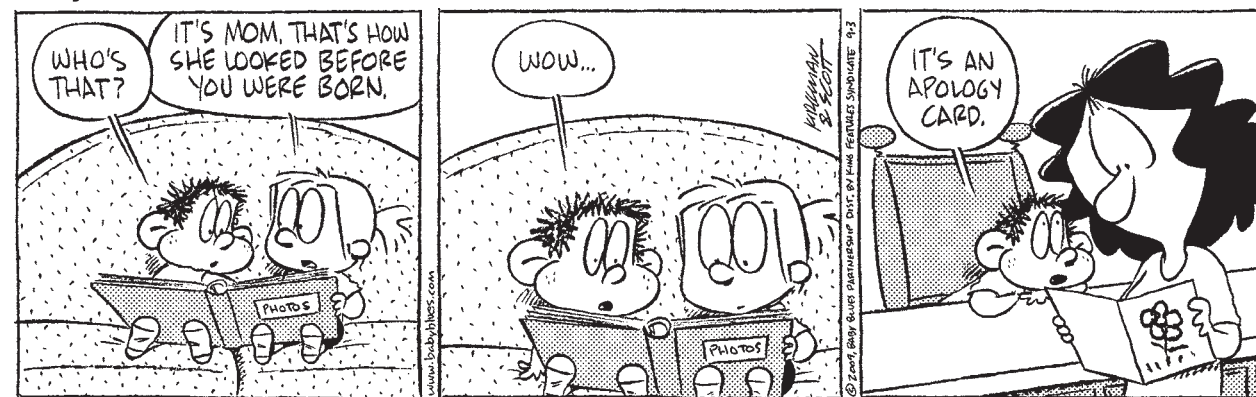
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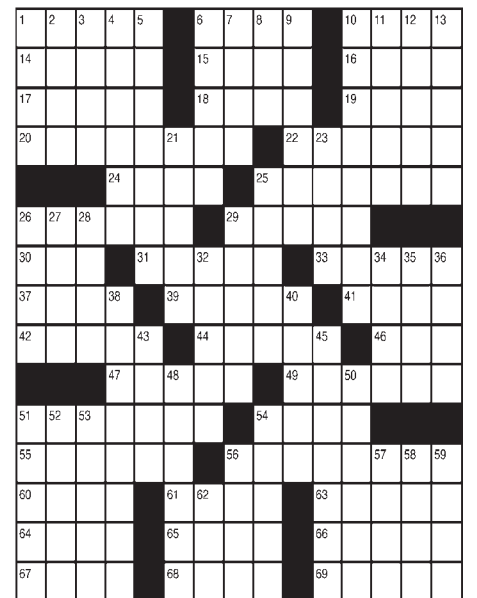
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30 Greek letter
31 Trait transmitters
33 Wooden shoe
37 "___ Ado About Nothing"
39 Boulders
41 Long story
42 Slow critter
44 City leader
46 Pendulum's path
47 Tokyo's nation
49 ___ hound; hunting dog
51 Modernized
54 Traditional nun's covering
55 ___ oneself; prepared for bad news
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60 Pig's comment
61 High point
63 Steer clear of
64 Shaping tool
65 Cross the ___; do something unacceptable
66 Dweebs
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3 Melody



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59 In case
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Tiny Estonia seeks support from Obama

LIUDAS DAPKUS
JARI TANNER
Associated Press

TALLINN, Estonia (AP) — Spooked by Russia's intervention in Ukraine, Estonia is hoping for a strong signal of support from President Barack Obama when he arrives Wednesday in a country that two decades ago had Russian troops on its soil.

That Obama picked Estonia as his only stop before a NATO summit in Wales is reassuring to Estonia and Baltic neighbors Latvia and Lithuania, which, like Ukraine, were ruled by Moscow until the Soviet Union collapsed in 1991.

"I always knew that America is our key and trusted ally," said Juozas Kairutis, a 69-year-old retired teacher in the Lithuanian capital, Vilnius. "Western Europe is too pragmatic. They do not understand what all this means and probably would turn away from Baltic states just like they did in 1940."

During World War II, the Soviet Union and Nazi Germany invaded Baltic countries over the years. The U.S. and many other Western countries never recognized the nearly

five-decade Soviet occupation, during which tens of thousands of Estonians, Latvians and Lithuanians were deported to Siberia. After the Soviet Union



A traditional Russian Matryoshka wooden doll depicting US President Barack Obama, second from right, Russian President Vladimir Putin, center, U.S. President George W. Bush, second from left, and Leader of the Soviet Union from the mid-1920s until 1953 Joseph Stalin, left, and right, on a display in Tallinn, Estonia, Tuesday, Sept. 2, 2014

(AP Photo/Mindaugas Kulbis)

crumbled, the Baltic countries turned to the West and joined the European Union and NATO in 2004, irritating Russia.

To Baltic leaders, the Ukraine crisis has underscored why they joined the alliance in the first place. They're now calling on NATO to take a more high-profile role in their defense — something they hope Obama's visit will reinforce.

"It is a very strong message to the region that the United States is taking the security of its eastern European NATO allies seriously," Estonia armed forc-

es commander Maj. Gen. Riho Terras told The Associated Press.

Baltic leaders want NATO to establish permanent bases in the region, but some allies have been wary of doing anything that might endanger a 1997 agreement with Moscow under which NATO pledged not to permanently station substantial numbers of soldiers in Eastern Europe.

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Study links polar vortex chills to melting sea ice

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AP Science Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — A new study says that as the world gets warmer, parts of North America, Europe and Asia could see more frequent and stronger visits of cold air as the world gets warmer.

Researchers say that's because of shrinking ice in the seas off Russia. Less iced would let more energy go from the ocean into the air, and that would weaken the atmospheric forces that usually keep cold air trapped in the Arctic. But at times it escapes and wanders south, bringing with it a bit of Arctic super chill.

That can happen for several reasons, and the new study suggests that one of them occurs when ice in northern seas shrinks, leaving more water uncovered. Normally, sea ice keeps heat energy from escaping the ocean and entering the atmosphere. When there's less ice, more energy gets into the atmosphere and weakens the jet stream, the high-altitude river of air that usually keeps Arctic air from wandering south, said study co-author Jin-Ho Yoon of the Pacific North-



This Jan. 10, 2014 file photo shows the US side of Niagara Falls in New York beginning to thaw after the recent "polar vortex" that affected millions in the US and Canada.

Associated Press

west National Laboratory in Richland, Washington. So the cold air escapes instead.

That happened relatively infrequently in the 1990s, but since 2000 it has happened nearly every year, according to a study published Tuesday in the jour-

nal Nature Communications. A team of scientists from South Korea and United States found that many such cold outbreaks happened a few months after unusually low sea ice levels in the Barents and Kara seas, off Russia.

The study observed his-

torical data and then conducted computer simulations.

Both approaches showed the same strong link between shrinking sea ice and cold outbreaks, according to lead author Baek-Min Kim, a research scientist at the Korea Polar Research Institute. A large portion of sea ice melting is driven by man-made climate change from the burning of fossil fuels, Kim wrote in an email.

Sea ice in the Arctic usually hits its low mark in September and that's the crucial time point in terms of this study, said Mark Serreze, director of the National Snow and Ice Data Center in Boulder, Colorado. Levels reached a record low in 2012 and are slightly up this year, but only temporarily, with minimum ice extent still about 40 percent below 1970s levels, he said.

Yoon said that although his study focused on shrinking sea ice, something else was evidently responsible for last year's chilly visit from the polar vortex.

In the past several years, many studies have looked at the accelerated warming in the Arctic and whether it is connected to

extreme weather farther south, from heatwaves to Superstorm Sandy. This Arctic-extremes connection is "cutting edge" science that is hotly debated by mainstream climate scientists, Serreze said. Scientists are meeting this week in Seattle to look at the issue even more closely.

Kevin Trenberth, climate analysis chief at the National Center for Atmospheric Research in Boulder, is skeptical about such connections and said he doesn't agree with Yoon's study. His research points more to the Pacific than the Arctic for changes in the jet stream and polar vortex behavior, and he said Yoon's study puts too much stock in an unusual 2012.

But the study was praised by several other scientists who said it does more than show that sea ice melt affects worldwide weather, but demonstrates how it happens, with a specific mechanism.

Katharine Hayhoe, a Texas Tech climate scientist in Lubbock, said the study "provides important insight into the cascading nature of the effects human activities are having on the planet."

Climate study yields bad news for tiny desert fish

SCOTT SONNER
Associated Press

RENO, Nevada (AP) — For 10,000 years, a tiny iridescent blue fish has lived in the depths of a cavern in the desert of Nevada. But a new study says climate change and warming waters — and its lack of mobility — are threatening its existence and decreasing

its numbers.

Scientists studying climate change anticipate that as Earth continues to warm, fish and wildlife will migrate away from the equator or seek higher ground for a cooler habitat.

"The catch phrase is 'Migrate, Adapt or Die,'" said Mark Hausner, a hydrologist at the Desert Research

Institute in Las Vegas.

But what about creatures like the endangered pupfish that exist in only one place and simply cannot pack up their bags and move?

Hausner examines that dilemma and its ramifications as the lead author of a new study — "Life in a Fishbowl: Prospects for the endangered Devils Hole pupfish in a changing climate."

The inch-long fish lives in a 426-foot (130-meter)-deep, water-filled cavern in the Mojave Desert on the edge of Death Valley National Park. In the 1970s, there were more than 500 pupfish, but today, there are only 92, according to the National Park Service. The slowly rising tempera-



This undated file photo provided by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service via the Las Vegas Review-Journal shows two Devil's Hole pupfish in a cave at Death Valley National Park in Nevada, northwest of Las Vegas near Ash Meadows National Wildlife Refuge.

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ture of the geothermal water — as high as 97 degrees Fahrenheit (36 Celsius) at times — is near the limit of

what the pupfish can withstand on the shallow shelf where it breeds just below the surface.



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Family: Joan Rivers on life support

NEW YORK (AP) — Joan Rivers' family is confirming that the comedian is on life support after going into cardiac arrest last week during a procedure at a doctor's office.

Her daughter, Melissa Rivers, said in a statement Tuesday that her mother is on life support "at this time." Melissa said the family is extremely grateful for the public support.

Joan Rivers was taken to Mount Sinai Hospital in Manhattan last Thursday. The 81-year-old comic and red carpet commentator has maintained a busy career as host of "Fashion Police" on the E! network and co-star of the WETV reality show, "Joan & Melissa:



In this April 30, 2012 file photo, Joan Rivers attends an E! Network event in New York.

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Joan Knows Best?" Melissa Rivers said Tuesday that she knows that her mother would be overwhelmed by the continuing outpouring of kindness. □

Larry David play heads to Broadway this February

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AP Drama Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — Theater fans, get ready to laugh uncomfortably — Larry David has found a Broadway theater and some co-stars for his writing and acting stage debut.

Producers said Tuesday that the "Curb Your Enthusiasm" star's play "Fish in the Dark" will star Rosie Perez, Jayne Houdyshell, Jake Cannavale, Jonny Orsini and Jerry Adler. Anna D. Shapiro, who won a Tony Award for staging "August: Osage County," will direct. Previews will begin Feb. 2 at the Cort Theatre and opening night is set for March 5.

David, who also was the



In this Monday, Aug. 4, 2014 file photo, Larry David attends the U.S. premiere of National Geographic's "Deepsea Challenge 3D," hosted by James Cameron and Rolex, at the American Museum of Natural History, in New York.

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co-creator, head writer and executive producer of "Seinfeld," has called his play "a comedy about a death in the family."

In 2009, he starred in Woody Allen's comedy "Whatever Works" and co-wrote and starred in the HBO film "Clear History." □

Children's poems by Nick Cannon due in March

NEW YORK (AP) — Nick Cannon has been keeping a notebook for much of his life, and next year we'll get to see some of the entries. The 33-year-old entertainer and record producer is working on a book of poems for children.

Scholastic announced Tuesday that Cannon's "Neon Aliens Ate My Homework and Other Poems" will be published in March 2015. According to the publisher, "Neon Aliens" will feature black-and-white illustrations from several street artists and will reflect Cannon's desire to combine poetry and hip-hop. Cannon said in a



statement issued through Scholastic that he has been writing poems and stories since he was 8.

Cannon also has a children's book scheduled for

October, "Roc and Roe's Twelve Days of Christmas," inspired by the twins he had with his wife, Mariah Carey. The couple is reportedly estranged. □

Carrie Underwood announces pregnancy

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NASHVILLE, Tennessee

(AP) — Country star Carrie Underwood and National Hockey League player Mike Fisher chose the Labor Day holiday to announce they are expecting their first child.

Underwood and Fisher posted the announcement on their social media accounts on Monday. Underwood's publicist confirmed the couple will be expecting their first child in the spring.

Underwood, 31, shot to fame after winning "American Idol." She has won six Grammys and sold more than 15 million albums



worldwide. She was the first woman to twice win the Academy of Country Music's entertainer of the year award.

She will be co-hosting the upcoming Country Music Association Awards with Brad Paisley this November.

Fisher, 34, a center for the Nashville Predators, is recovering from a ruptured left Achilles tendon and is expected to miss the start of the season. □

Versatile Viggo speaks French in 'Far From Men'

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VENICE, Italy (AP) — Is there a language Viggo Mortensen doesn't speak? The multilingual Danish-American actor has performed in everything from English to Elvish. Now he tackles French — as well the power of silence — in Venice Film Festival entry "Far From Men," a stark story about two men, a schoolteacher and a murderer, caught up in Algeria's war for independence. Mortensen also learned some Arabic for the film by French director David Oelhoffen. So how many tongues has he used onscreen?

"Lakota, Elvish — two kinds of Elvish — Dwarvish, Arabic, French, Danish, Russian," he listed. "I think I spoke Swedish one time, German, Spanish."

It's possible he may have left out one or two.

Mortensen — tanned, muscular and radiating energy

while meeting reporters in Venice — said he chooses roles for the chances they give him to study, learn and gain new skills.

"You only can improve if you're challenged," he said. "You either learn or you fail."

In "Far From Men" ("Loin des Hommes" in French), Mortensen plays Daru, a former soldier who teaches children in an isolated Algerian mountain region.

It's 1954, and as an uprising stirs against the French colonial power, he is ordered to escort a man accused of murder to town for trial, and certain execution.

Daru would rather offer the doomed Mohamed (French actor Reda Kateb, who was in "Zero Dark Thirty") the chance to escape, but the prisoner is stubbornly reluctant to avoid death. Based on a story by Albert Camus, Oelhoffen's film unfolds like a Western, full of silence, rugged landscapes and big skies. As

the two men traverse the rugged and lawless Atlas mountains, both face moral choices, and discover that despite their differences they must unite to survive.

Mortensen, who was born in New York to Danish and

he's running away from life on some level," Mortensen said. "He is also saying no to life, just as much as Mohamed is."

The movie has been praised in Venice, where some see it as a leading contender for the top

more polarized ... even though the possibility for global communication has never been more ample, more conducive to understanding one another," the actor said. "I think people use the new means of communication for further underlining their particular way of looking at things.

"So you become more isolated ... even though it ought to be the other way around." Talking, in myriad languages, is a feature of many of Mortensen's movies. So, the actor says, is walking. "It's probably a coincidence but maybe not: I've done a lot of movies where I walk a lot."

Mortensen mentions "The Lord of the Rings," "The Road" and the Argentine film "Jauja," as well as "Far From Men."

The physical thread continues in his upcoming "Captain Fantastic," about a self-sufficient family struggling to adjust to urban life. □



Actor Viggo Mortensen poses for portraits during the 71st edition of the Venice Film Festival in Venice, Italy, Monday, Sept. 1, 2014.
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American parents and spent part of his childhood in Argentina, said he identified with "a certain displaced quality" in the film characters.

"He's denying his past, and

prize, the Golden Lion.

Its theme — the fragility and importance of communication across barriers — is close to Mortensen's heart.

"The world is becoming

Apple: Some nude shots taken from stars' accounts

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AP Entertainment Writer

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Apple said Tuesday that hackers obtained nude photos of Jennifer Lawrence and other female celebrities by pilfering images from individual accounts rather than through a broader attack on the company's services.

Meanwhile, numerous sharing sites removed images of the stars apparently in response to copyright complaints.

However, experts say there is no way to fully scrub the photos from the Internet and the images could keep popping up in the future, forcing celebrities to file repeated complaints as they play a cyber-version of the arcade game "whack-a-mole."

Apple said its engineers have determined that hackers breached individual accounts and didn't obtain general access to a pair of the company's services — iCloud and Find my iPhone. The tech giant said it released the results



In this May 10, 2014 file photo, Jennifer Lawrence attends the "X-Men: Days of Future Past" world premiere in New York.
Associated Press

after conducting 40 hours of investigation. Law enforcement inquiries likely will take days or weeks to complete. The FBI offered no details on its efforts to identify people responsible for stealing the images that were posted on image-sharing site Imgur.com, the social networking sites Reddit and Twitter, and other websites. But the agency said Monday it was aware of the breach and addressing the matter. Similar investigations have involved the use of search

warrants and digital forensics to determine how hackers obtained everything from Paris Hilton's contact list to nude photos of actresses Scarlett Johansson and Mila Kunis. Lawrence, an Oscar winner for her role in "Silver Linings Playbook," contacted authorities after the images of her began appearing Sunday.

By Tuesday, a Reddit thread that had been compiling links to images of nude photos of Lawrence and other celebrities

had been disabled due to a copyright claim, the website said.

Users reported difficulty finding working links to the images on other sites.

Representatives of Twitter, Reddit and Imgur did not respond to messages seeking comment.

Apple Inc. said it was cooperating with the FBI and urged users to adopt stronger passwords and enable a two-step authentication feature to prevent data thefts. Naked images purported to be of other stars also were posted, although the authenticity of many couldn't be confirmed.

Mark Rasch, a former federal prosecutor who specialized in computer crimes, said investigators will focus on who's responsible for the theft of the photos, the tools they used, and the idiosyncrasies of how they program. "There is a digital trail," Rasch said. "What you hope for (is) the people aren't very good at what they do, that they screw up, that they (upset) other hackers. Or that they

leave a trail."

Rasch said authorities will sometimes catch an early break or get a tip that leads them to suspects. The investigations are difficult, he said, but "It's equally difficult to get away with it scot free."

In the past decade, federal prosecutors have successfully prosecuted a Massachusetts teenager who hacked Hilton's phone account and posted her contact list online. The teenager was sentenced to several months in jail.

Christopher Chaney, a Florida man, was ordered by a federal judge in 2012 to be imprisoned for 10 years for the hack that targeted Johansson. The people responsible for stealing the Lawrence photos might also be tracked by private investigators who can operate faster than government agents, said Rasch, whose company Rasch Technology and Cyberlaw has conducted similar investigations but is not working on the current data breach. □

Diplomat and Warrior



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On Sept. 8, 2011, Hillary Clinton, then secretary of state, wrote to the secretary of the Army requesting that an exception to policy be granted to allow Richard C. Holbrooke to be buried at Arlington National Cemetery. Holbrooke had collapsed in her office nine months earlier. He died soon after while serving in the most thankless of his many assignments, as President Barack Obama's special representative for Afghanistan and Pakistan.

"Few diplomats throughout history have made as deep and sustained an impact upon the course of war and peace than Richard did, and few civilian leaders have consistently provided more support to the U.S. military," Clinton wrote in her appeal. "Indeed, his nearly fifty-year career in public service was inextricably intertwined with our military, and, more than once, Richard found himself on the front lines, the living embodiment of 'one mission, one team.'" Arlington Cemetery is reserved for active or retired members of the armed forces and their families, but several exceptions have been made over the course of its history in cases of what are deemed to be exceptional civilian service benefiting the military - and sometimes for other reasons.

Clinton, in a two-page letter made available to me, went on to describe Holbrooke's long diplomatic career - as a young foreign service officer in Vietnam; at the Paris peace talks that led to the end of that conflict; as ambassador to Germany at a time of post-Cold War military transformation; as the diplomat who "brokered the historic Dayton Accords that brought the bloody war in the Balkans to a close"; and finally in "the most complex and vexing foreign and military policy challenge of our day" in Pakistan and Afghanistan.

That last assignment was particularly "vexing" because Obama and Holbrooke never got along. The "no drama" president had little patience for high-drama Holbrooke. There was no significant place in the president's young, tight-knit foreign policy team for this man of vast experience and sweeping insights. Holbrooke had backed Clinton during the 2008 Democratic Party primaries; his loyalty was questioned. In an extraordinary put-down, Obama took several staffers with him to Afghanistan in March, 2010,

but not Holbrooke, his supposed point man.

In hindsight, this clash offered indications of how Obama's hesitant foreign policy, forged in that narrow White House circle, would evolve. The president has just declared that "We don't have a strategy yet." He was talking about possible military action against the Islamic State (a comment later narrowed by his spokesman to apply to military strikes against the Islamic State in Syria). The comment, however construed, should not have been uttered. It conveys indecision even if intended to convey methodical caution. It suggests weakness.

The remark was of a piece with others about hitting singles and doubles but rarely more as American president, and running a no-stupid-stuff foreign policy, and various riffs on the limits of American power in a tough world. There is merit to prudence after a season of American rashness. But the appearance of feckless incoherence from the White House is very dangerous - as the eruptions in the Middle East and Ukraine have underscored.

Holbrooke was a passionate believer in American power and its capacity for good. He acknowledged American failings but would never talk down the transformative power of a nation that is also an idea. Realism, even fierce realism, could never efface idealism about America's ability to spread freedom. It is a pity Obama shunned him. More experienced, battle-hardened voices might have helped the president.

On Oct. 26, 2011, John McHugh, the secretary of the Army, wrote to Holbrooke's widow, Kati Marton, who had petitioned for an exception, to say that he had reviewed all the information available to him, "including letters of support from some of our Nation's most senior officials," and concluded that "Ambassador Holbrooke, unfortunately, is not eligible to be laid to rest at Arlington." McHugh wrote that Holbrooke's "national and international service was exceptional," but noted that "interment and inurnment at Arlington is deeply rooted in military service." Holbrooke never served in the military.

Adm. Michael Mullen, a former chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, told me he was a strong supporter of the idea that Arlington be Holbrooke's resting place. "I felt very strongly about it because Richard spent so much time with the military through so many conflicts," he said. "He was deserving." But Mullen, who also wrote on Holbrooke's behalf, believed that only a White House intervention could change McHugh's decision - and knew that would not be forthcoming. The White House did not respond to emails seeking comment.

My own view of Holbrooke was etched by watching him bring the war in Bosnia to an end - a remarkable achievement involving the full panoply of American power, diplomatic and military.



When Whites Just Don't Get It



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Many white Americans say they are fed up with the coverage of the shooting of Michael Brown in Ferguson, Missouri. A plurality of whites in a recent Pew survey said that the issue of race is getting more attention than it deserves.

Bill O'Reilly of Fox News reflected that weariness, saying: "All you hear is grievance, grievance, grievance, money, money, money."

Indeed, a 2011 study by scholars at Harvard and Tufts found that whites, on average, believed that anti-white racism was a bigger problem than anti-black racism.

Yes, you read that right! So let me push back at what I see as smug white delusion. Here are a few reasons race relations deserve more attention, not less: - The net worth of the average black household in the United States is \$6,314, compared with \$110,500 for the average white household, according to 2011 census data. The gap has worsened in the last decade, and the United States now has a greater wealth gap by race than South Africa did during apartheid. (Whites in America on average own almost 18 times as much as blacks; in South Africa in 1970, the ratio was about 15 times.)

- The black-white income gap is

roughly 40 percent greater today than it was in 1967.

- A black boy born today in the United States has a life expectancy five years shorter than that of a white boy.

- Black students are significantly less likely to attend schools offering advanced math and science courses than white students. They are three times as likely to be suspended and expelled, setting them up for educational failure.

- Because of the catastrophic experiment in mass incarceration, black men in their 20s without a high school diploma are more likely to be incarcerated today than employed, according to a study from the National Bureau of Economic Research. Nearly 70 percent of middle-aged black men who never graduated from high school have been imprisoned.

All these constitute not a black problem or a white problem, but an American problem. When so much talent is underemployed and overincarcerated, the entire country suffers.

Some straight people have gradually changed their attitudes toward gays after realizing that their friends - or children - were gay. Researchers have found that male judges are more sympathetic to women's rights when they have daughters. Yet because of the de facto segregation of America, whites are unlikely to have many black friends: A study from the Public Religion Research Institute suggests that in a network of 100 friends, a white person, on average, has one black friend.

That's unfortunate, because friends open our eyes. I was shaken after a well-known black woman told me about looking out her front window and seeing that police officers had her teenage son down on the ground after he had stepped out of their upscale house because they thought he was a prowler.

"Thank God he didn't run," she said.

One black friend tells me that he

freaked out when his white fiancée purchased an item in a store and promptly threw the receipt away. "What are you doing?" he protested to her. He is a highly successful and well-educated professional but would never dream of tossing a receipt for fear of being accused of shoplifting.

Some readers will protest that the stereotype is rooted in reality: Young black men are disproportionately likely to be criminals. That's true - and complicated.

"There's nothing more painful to me," the Rev. Jesse Jackson once said, "than to walk down the street and hear footsteps and start thinking about robbery - then look around and see somebody white and feel relieved."

All this should be part of the national conversation on race, as well, and prompt a drive to help young black men end up in jobs and stable families rather than in crime or jail.

We have policies with a robust record of creating opportunity: home visitation programs like Nurse-Family Partnership; early education initiatives like Educare and Head Start; programs for troubled adolescents like Youth Villages; anti-gang and anti-crime initiatives like Becoming a Man; efforts to prevent teen pregnancies like the Carrera curriculum; job training like Career Academies; and job incentives like the earned-income tax credit.

The best escalator to opportunity may be education, but that escalator is broken for black boys growing up in neighborhoods with broken schools. We fail those boys before they fail us.

So a starting point is for those of us in white America to wipe away any self-satisfaction about racial progress. Yes, the progress is real, but so are the challenges. The gaps demand a wrenching, soul-searching excavation of our national soul, and the first step is to acknowledge that the central race challenge in America today is not the suffering of whites. □



A Roasted Green Chili Evokes Santa Fe

A breakfast quesadilla with fresh roasted green chiles which are available mail order, in New York. If there is one ingredient necessary for traditional New Mexican cooking, it is the long, spicy, local green chile.

(Fred R. Conrad/The New York Times)

DAVID TANIS

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During late August and early September in New Mexico, the air is filled with the pungent aroma of roasting green chilies. Just the thought of it makes me nostalgic for the years when I lived in Santa Fe.

For if there is one ingredient necessary for traditional New Mexican cooking, it is the long, spicy, local green chili. Well, and also its ruddy twin, the dried red chili. It's exactly the same chili, allowed to ripen completely and turn bright red. Red chilies are braided into the garlands called ristras, which are hung up to dry for later use.

But back to the green. Most people there buy their green chilies in quantity, by the bag or the bushel, and then stand in line waiting their turn to have them roasted by seasonal professionals who set up in parking lots or roadside stands. The freshly picked chilies are tossed into a roaster - essentially a perforated

metal drum rigged to spin over a powerful flame just long enough to blister the skins. The heat cooks the chilies a bit in the process. Once you get your roasted chilies home, the modern tradition is to make up small packages in zippered plastic bags and store them in the freezer, taking out a couple of bags to thaw as necessary. Some people peel and seed them before freezing; others opt to perform that chore afterward. It can seem less daunting doing one bag at a time. With a good supply on hand you'll be able to make green chili sauce, green chili stew, green chili enchiladas, even green chili cheeseburgers, whenever you wish.

Just roast the chilies under the broiler or over hot coals for a small batch. When cool, scrape away skins and seeds with a paring knife.

Try this recipe for a basic green chili sauce. It will add a New Mexican kick to nearly anything, but it is es-

pecially nice spooned liberally over a hearty breakfast quesadilla.

GREEN CHILI QUESADILLA

Time: 1 hour

Yield: 4 servings

CHILI SAUCE:

2 tablespoons butter, lard or vegetable oil

1 small onion, finely diced

Kosher salt

4 garlic cloves, minced

2 tablespoons all-purpose flour

2 cups chicken broth or water

2 cups chopped Hatch or Anaheim green chilies (roasted, peeled and seeded), from about 2 pounds chilies

1/2 teaspoon cumin seeds, toasted and coarsely ground

1/2 teaspoon oregano

QUESADILLAS:

4 large flour tortillas, plain or whole wheat

8 ounces grated cheese, such as Oaxaca string cheese or Monterey Jack

2 tablespoons butter

2 medium-size cooked peeled potatoes, cut in

small cubes, about 1 1/2 cups (optional)

6 to 8 eggs, lightly beaten

Salt and pepper

4 ounces queso fresco or cotija cheese, crumbled

Handful of cilantro sprigs

1 firm-ripe avocado, sliced

Radishes, optional, for garnish

1. Make the green chili sauce: Put butter in a heavy-bottomed saucepan over medium heat. Add onion, season lightly with salt and cook, stirring, until softened but not browned, about 5 minutes. Add garlic and cook for 1 minute more. Sprinkle in flour and stir to coat.

2. Add broth a little at a time, whisking constantly until thickened, about 2 minutes. Add chopped chili, cumin, oregano and about 1/2 teaspoon salt. Lower heat and simmer, stirring occasionally, for 15 to 20 minutes. You should have about 3 cups medium-thick sauce. (May be prepared in advance and refrigerated for up to 5 days.) Keep sauce warm.

3. Make the quesadillas: Heat oven to 350 degrees. Set a large cast-iron skillet over medium-high heat. Warm tortillas on both sides, one at a time, without allowing them to crisp or brown much. Place tortillas on a baking sheet (you may need 2) and sprinkle each with 2 ounces of the grated cheese. Put in oven to melt cheese.

4. Melt butter in a small skillet over medium heat. Add potatoes if using, heat them through and let lightly brown. Season eggs with salt and pepper, pour over potatoes and quickly stir mixture until eggs are soft-scrambled. Remove tortillas from oven and place 1/4 of the cooked egg mixture at the center of each. Fold tortillas in half and transfer to 4 warm plates. Spoon 1/4 cup warm green chili sauce over each quesadilla. Sprinkle with queso fresco and top with cilantro sprigs and avocado slices. Garnish with whole or halved radishes if desired. Serve immediately. □